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LOCAL ARCHITECT'S CLAIM.

MOTOR DISPUTE.

An Oakland car, year of model undetermined, which would today be worth, according to witnesses, some four or five hundred dollars if \$300 were spent in repairs, was the subject of an action in the Summary Court, this morning, when Mr. A. G. Hewitt, of Messrs. Hewitt and Siu, architects, sued Mr. M. J. Quist, the Consul-General for the Netherlands, for \$622.90, of which \$500 was in respect of car depreciation.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask represented the defendant.

Mr. Armstrong said the claim was for damages for various repairs and replacements made by the plaintiff in respect of certain articles in premises situated at Mount Davis. The residence known as "Mount View," Pokfulam, was the property of Mr. Hewitt and he leased the ground floor to Mr. Quist for ten months from April 1st, 1925. The defendant was required to pay \$100 per month, which included the use of the Oakland car. Mr. Quist was to pay the insurance, and for gasoline and lubricants, while Mr. Hewitt was responsible under the contract for repairs in respect of mechanical defects and breakdowns.

Mr. Armstrong spoke of replacements in the house, which included repairs to lawn-mower, a garden rake, and a water-can, and Mr. Leask interposed, pointing out that these were admitted and the amount due \$21.40 paid into Court.

PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE.

Giving evidence, Mr. Hewitt stated that he bought the car in 1922 through Messrs. Dowdell for \$2,500, which was below the market price. When he handed it over to Mr. Quist in April, 1925, it was in good repair and running order. He had had it repaired and thoroughly overhauled in September, 1924, and he valued it at that time at \$1,500. He went home on leave and returning saw it early in January this year outside the Hongkong Hotel. It was very shabby.

In response to a letter from Mr. Quist, whose lease expired at the end of January, he took the car for further repairs and found the mudguards damaged, the axle caps buckled, and the tyres very badly worn. The other three were quite good. The general condition was very bad indeed.

Mr. Leask:—In your letter of January 17th, you speak of paying Mr. Quist \$25, and saving further inconvenience to him?—Yes.

What did you mean by inconvenience to him?—He had had a lot of trouble with the car.

What caused that trouble?—Bad drivers.

How do you know that?—It was in good running order when I handed it over to him.

WHAT MODEL?

Do you know the history of your car? I don't mean its pedigree?—Yes.

It came from Japan?—Yes, it was a new car, but the leather was a bit mildewed.

Do you know the model?—No.

It was prior to 1922?—Yes.

His Lordship:—I take it that it was 1921 at latest.

Mr. A. H. Rowe, of the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxi-cab Company said he saw the car when Mr. Hewitt bought it. He was then selling the model at \$2,500.

In the latter part of 1924, Mr. Hewitt was trying to sell the car. Its engine was 90% efficient and its appearance good. His figure would have been between \$1,000 and \$1,200, but he would probably have got more from an outsider.

Mr. Rowe added that the market price of second-hand cars was high at (Continued from Page 16)

CANTON LABOUR TYRANNY.

IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS ON EMPLOYERS.

STRIKE COURT ORDERS.

The Strike Union in Canton is endeavouring to force all non-Union workers either to join existing organisations or to form new Unions, threats being issued to those who do not appear willing to comply with its orders.

In practically every instance, with the exception of the workers at the Canton Hospital, these threats have proved effective, and it is noteworthy that no sooner is a new Union registered at the Department of Labour than a strike is declared and demands made for higher pay and fewer working hours, with the result that some shops have had to close down, whilst many piecegoods firms have discharged all their employees. Some of these have suspended work for nearly two months, and still the employers and employees are unable to come to terms. Such demands as the allocation of 5% of the total invoice cost of all goods purchased by the firm to be distributed among the employees as perquisites, and that no employee be discharged without investigation and approval of the Labour Union, the employers find it impossible to accept.

Apart from these cases, there are reports concerning the Strike Union taking judicial power into its own hands, some of its decisions having forced the closing of businesses. In one case, the proprietor of a certain bookstore on the Wing Han Road reprimanded his cook for carelessness, and the cook brought the case before the Strike Union. A summons was issued to the owner of the bookstore to appear at the Court of the Strike Union, with the result that he was fined fifty dollars for defaming the cook's character, and at the same time ordered to increase the wages of the cook by five dollars. The consequence was that the proprietor closed his shop rather than submit to the order. The above is but one of many cases of high-handed action by the Strike Union.

FRENCH SPY CASE.

ENGLISHMEN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Paris, March 30.
The three alleged English spies and two women accomplices have been committed to trial for having collected or attempted to collect information regarding the security and defence of the country.—Reuter.

[This trial is connected with the case of a young woman named Marcelle Monseil, otherwise Marie Morell, described in the Press as a new "Mata Hari." She was arrested on a charge of being a spy in the service of a foreign Power, for the purpose of enquiring into the aviation services of France. Miss Monseil, interrogated by the examining magistrate, admitted that she had been engaged in espionage work since March last on behalf of certain British merchants, stated to be dealers in wireless apparatus. She stated that she had been investigating the number, make and capacity of aeroplanes at the bases at St. Nazaire, Bordeaux, Hyeres, and Stranahel, and the organisation of aerodromes. Three other persons, stated to be Englishmen, for whom Miss Monseil worked, were subsequently brought before the magistrate and examined secretly; after which all four were taken to prison.]

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2s.3.7/16d.
Lighting-up 6.26 p.m.
Temperature (2 p.m.) 71
Barometer (4 p.m.) 30.01
Humidity (9 p.m.) 58

THE BOYCOTT.

DR. WU & GEN. CHANG SPEAK.

MOVEMENT LAUDED.

Declarations of sympathy with the strike and boycott movement have recently been made by both General Chang Kai-shek and Dr. C. C. Wu, according to reports to hand from Canton.

In the course of an interview, General Chang Kai-shek explained his recent coup and spoke of various rumours which had since arisen and which he described as fabrications by those seeking to overthrow the Government and thereby to weaken the revolutionary cause.

GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE UNCHANGED.

The Government's attitude towards the boycott is the same as heretofore, said General Chang, adding that he himself was one who supported the strikers' policy and he would certainly support the strike to the very end. He said that no matter what rumours the enemy spread, he hoped that the workers would not listen to them. "The workers and soldiers," he said, "should always be united. By doing this, we shall be able to achieve our final victory."

"As to the question of Soviet Russia," said General Chang, "the U.S.S.R. is the centre of the world's revolution. China's revolution is only a part of the world revolution, so we must not only devote ourselves for China's revolution, but also work for the world revolution."

DR. WU'S STATEMENT.

At a delegates' meeting of the Canton-Hongkong Strike Committee, Dr. C. C. Wu also took occasion to refer to baseless rumours, saying that he hoped all strikers-comrades would not believe these stories. Continuing, Dr. Wu said:—"With regard to the strike, previously I made a report before you all, saying that the attitude of the Hongkong Government has all of a sudden been changed. But some time ago there were people saying that our Government had despatched Mr. Foo Ping-sheung, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and one other to Macao for negotiations. The facts are that they went to Macao not for settling the strike, but only to explain to the two delegates of Hongkong, who were despatched to Macao at that time, the sincerity of our Government with regard to the settlement of the strike. The Hongkong delegates also said that they understood that formerly there were many mistakes in the despatching of delegates and now the Colonial Government is desirous of undertaking negotiations with us again for a settlement and we replied that our Government is also willing to meet them half-way."

"As to conditions re-negotiations in the future, I will make further reports again. Now I dare say before you all that the present strike is a patriotic movement of our labourer-comrades and is not only a matter concerning the whole country but also the Nationalist Government itself. If it fails, it does not only mean a failure to the strikers but also a failure to the nation as a whole. Therefore the Government is always willing to discuss with you on all matters, for we want our worker-comrades to eventually attain their victory."

CANTON SALARIES.

PART TO BE PAID IN BONDS.

It is reported that the Canton Army expenditure for March has reached the high figure of three million dollars. The Treasurer, Mr. T. V. Soong, has, in consequence, announced that the payment of March salaries to those who receive more than fifty dollars per month will be seventy per cent. in cash and thirty per cent. in Government bonds.

It is stated that the bonds are now being printed and that two millions worth will be available for use before the 5th of April.

FAILURE OF LOCAL BANK.

JUDGE ON "SCANDALOUS BUSINESS."

PARTNER REPROVED.

Adjourned from yesterday, the examination in the Bankruptcy Court of the affairs of the Wing Hing Bank was resumed this morning, when, in the course of the examination of one of the partners, Li Wing-kwong, who is well-known in business circles in Hongkong, his Lordship the Chief Justice took occasion to comment on what he described as a "scandalous business" in which the witness was involved.

A report of yesterday's opening proceedings is given elsewhere in this issue. Disclosures of a similar nature were made to-day, Li Wing-kwong admitting that he and his partners borrowed monies from the Bank in order to start other business or to tide over the difficulties of business firms of which they were also the partners. One of these was the Sam Tsui Tong, which was merely an abstract name used for the purpose of borrowing a sum of two and a half lakhs from the Wing Hing Bank to put into a new salt fish business. His Lordship observed that, as far as he could make out, the Sam Tsui Tong was a "sham" institution.

When witness would persist in referring to the "three L's," and the share they had in these transactions, giving the impression that he dissociated himself from the responsibility, his Lordship again commented:—"You know perfectly well that you were mixed up in this scandalous business."

Witness admitted that he was one of these "three L's." Set-offs were continuously referred to by witness in reply to questions concerning his method of entering these amounts in the Bank's books as secured debts, and the Official Receiver, in commenting on these, remarked:—"Your statement bristles with set-offs."

Earlier in the examination, Li Wing-kwong, who is 54 years old, said he started out in life as a rent collector. His third share of \$30,000 in the Wing Hing Bank was secured from the sale of the Wing Lok wharf, many years ago, to the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company for \$32,000, as compared with the sum of \$19,000 which he paid for it. His wife died in 1917, but there were three concubines who now lived with him at his residence, at No. 68, Robinson Road.

The Official receiver:—According to my information, you have a fourth concubine living in the New Territories; is that so?

Witness said it was not true. In the course of examination in regard to the extent of the connection of these members of his family with certain transactions under review, witness denied that they were connected with these transactions.

LESS UNEMPLOYMENT.

JUST OVER ONE MILLION.

Rugby, March 30.
A decrease of 31,443 in the number of unemployed is shown in the latest weekly return.

Considerable satisfaction is derived from the fact that the total figure of unemployed is now a little over one million; it is actually 1,035,400. On January 4th it was 1,251,900, and it has fluctuated around this figure of one and a quarter millions for the last three years. Its reduction below a million will be something of an event.—British Wireless.

DUTCH FLIGHT.

Brussels, March 30.
The Belgian airman who flew from Holland to the Congo have departed on their return journey from Leopoldville, and have arrived at Mergalla.—Reuter.

BIG PIRACY.

CHINA MERCHANTS BOAT LOOTED.

HEAVY LOSS.

The China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Hsin Kong is the latest vessel to fall a prey to pirates. At the time of the piracy the steamer was on the way from Shanghai to Canton, and it was whilst near Swatow, on the 25th instant, that pirates who had come abroad as passengers at Shanghai held up the vessel and robbed the passengers, besides helping themselves freely to the cargo.

The loss suffered is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars, according to a report made by the steamer on arrival at Canton on Saturday last.

It appears that everything went as usual on the run down until the steamer was off Swatow, when the pirates, in accordance with plans previously worked out, held up the captain and crew and took possession of the steamer. They then proceeded to rob the passengers and loot the ship. A boat was lying in readiness for them at an arranged spot, and on to this the pirates transferred their booty and themselves made their escape.

A passenger who travelled by the steamer and was robbed of all his money and valuables, in common with his fellow travellers, said that the pirates, on capturing the ship, at once examined the passengers and took away from them all their money and jewellery.

A couple of days later, they made a second and closer scrutiny of the passengers and their belongings and further enriched themselves, but it was not until the pirates, on a third scrutiny, threatened to take away a number of the passengers as captives that a state of terror and panic prevailed.

However, on further consideration, the pirates, on reaching their rendezvous, decided that the loot was so considerable that there was no need to burden themselves with captive passengers, and they therefore left the steamer and made their escape.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. A. R. P. DAVIES.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death, which took place at the new Kowloon Hospital very early this morning, of Mr. A. R. P. Davies, of the Men's Department of Messrs. William Powell, Ltd.

Mr. Davies, who had for a long time been a sufferer from kidney trouble, went to hospital about three weeks ago, and, despite every care, gradually became worse. Heart weakness developed and the end was not unexpected.

The late Mr. Davies, who lived in Ashley Road, Kowloon, had been in the employ of Messrs. Powell for six years, first coming to the Colony in 1920. He went home on leave in 1924, getting married whilst in the Old Country. Mrs. Davies did not come out East with him on his return. Of a very quiet disposition, the deceased did not identify himself in Hongkong with any public or Club Societies, but was a member of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association. He was 43 years of age and a native of Wales.

The funeral takes place at Happy Valley this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

ADMIRAL LINE SHIPS.

DOLLAR CO. TO BID AGAIN.

NEW CONTRACT FORM.

The Dollar Steamship interests probably will bid a third time for the five Seattle-Manila ships of the Admiral-Oriental Line, for which bids have been asked by the United States Shipping Board, according to press cablegrams received in Manila. The bids will be opened April 6.

Mr. H. M. Cavender, agent in Manila for the Admiral Oriental and Dollar interests, said that the second bids were entirely acceptable save for the Dollars' refusal to put up a bond of \$1,000,000 as a guarantee that they would maintain the ships for a period of five years. The new form of contract on which bids are to be asked has been approved by the Shipping Board, according to the Associated Press.

In Mr. Cavender's opinion, the announcement that ships of the Admiral-Oriental Line would call at Portland, Oregon, for passengers is preposterous as it would be cheaper to take the passengers from Portland to Seattle by rail. Press dispatches carried this announcement. The water route between Portland and Seattle is about 500 miles and the steamers could hardly compete with the railroad company, says Mr. Cavender.

Two steel cargo ships, West Wind and West Hebrun, which a United Press cable says were sold to a San Francisco firm, Mr. Cavender says probably were bought by the Columbia Pacific Shipping Company. This same company recently bought six small cargo boats from the government, and the United Press dispatch says the sale was made to a company which bought six smaller freighters, for operation in the Pacific.

MEXICAN LAND LAW.

HOW FOREIGNERS ARE AFFECTED.

Mexico City, Mar. 30.

The regulations governing the alien land law provide, *inter alia*, that foreigners owning land must become Mexican citizens and renounce their Governments' protection.

In respect of property they may not own over fifty per cent. of the stock in Mexican land and agricultural corporations having property outside the forbidden zone along the borders and coast.

A Mexican corporation of which the stock is partially, or wholly foreign-owned may, acquire land except for agriculture if the holdings are limited to the exact surface needed, as in mining and petroleum.

Foreigners who acquired property between the promulgation of the present Constitution and now, may retain the same until death.

Foreigner owning over fifty per cent. of the stock in corporations exploiting agricultural land within the forbidden zone have a decade within which to dispose of the excess.

Foreign colonists may own 250 hectares of irrigated lands or 1,000 hectares of other lands within the forbidden zone if they become Mexican citizens within six years.—Reuter's American Service.

PRINCESS VICTORIA.

LATEST BULLETIN.

London, March 30.
The evening bulletin states that Princess Victoria slept and there is no extension of the pneumonic process, but the heart shows signs of weakness.

VALEDICTORY.

PRESENTATIONS TO P.W.D. OFFICIAL.

TO-DAY'S TRIBUTE.

In the presence of a very full muster of the European and Chinese staffs of the Public Works Department, Mr. Arnold H. Hollingsworth, the retiring Assistant Director of Public Works, was this morning presented with beautiful presents, to mark the good wishes of his colleagues on his retirement from the service. Mr. Hollingsworth, who leaves by the S.S. Morea, on Saturday, has been in the service for nearly 30 years, having been Assistant Director since 1921.

This morning's gathering was honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor, those present including the Hon. Mr. Harold Cressy, Director of Public Works, the heads of all the sub-departments, and practically the entire staff.

DIRECTOR'S TRIBUTE.

The Director of Public Works, in addressing the gathering, first thanked H. E. the Governor for so graciously honouring them with his presence, saying apart from the honour he had done Mr. Hollingsworth on his departure from the Colony, the Department was also much honoured, and the officers considered themselves most fortunate in obtaining this opportunity of meeting His Excellency personally. This interest shown towards them will do much to encourage and assure them of his sympathy and support.

Addressing Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Cressy said the officers of the Department wished to present him with a souvenir of his long association with the Public Works of Hongkong. He (Mr. Hollingsworth) knew better than any of them how the Department had increased and expanded since his first arrival in the island, and he must feel a great satisfaction in handing over his work on his retirement and leaving it to others to carry on that ceaseless and never-ending stream of work which flowed through the Department and with which they were always endeavouring to combat. Personally, he (Mr. Cressy) had to thank him for the loyal support he had always given him, more particularly during the early days of his (the speaker's) appointment. Mr. Hollingsworth's intimate knowledge of all affairs pertaining to Public Works had been of the greatest assistance to the Department and they would miss his advice and this particular knowledge very much.—(Applause).

Those members of the Chinese Staff with whom Mr. Hollingsworth had been associated during his career in the Department, and who yet remained with them, wished to join in giving him a parting gift, and they had asked the speaker to present it to him on their behalf as a further token of their regard and best wishes. He (Mr. Cressy) would, therefore, ask acceptance of these small gifts from them with all their best wishes for many years of happy retirement, and to Mrs. Hollingsworth and son and daughter they extended these same good wishes.—(Applause).

His Excellency on behalf of the Department, then handed to Mr. Hollingsworth a beautiful silver mounted blackwood tray, silver tea set and a cigarette case from the European Staff, and two beautiful Kargil Chinese porcelain figures (one being the Queen of Heaven and the other the God of Longevity) from the Chinese staff. Both gifts were accompanied by suitable inscriptions.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH'S REPLY.
Mr. Hollingsworth, replying, said:—Your Excellency, Mr. Cressy and Gentlemen, it is a great honour, Sir, for you to have found time to be present here to-day, and I shall always remember your presence with pleasure. It has been a pleasure to listen to such kind words as those that have fallen from the lips of the

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THEOSOPHY

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AMAZING BANK FAILURE.

LIABILITY FIVE TIMES TOTAL CAPITAL.

In the Bankruptcy court yesterday the affairs of the Wing Hing Bank were investigated when the Official Receiver put one of the partners through a searching examination. The partner, Li Shun-fan, admitted that he, his fellow partners and the Li family had lived on the bank for years and that he had lent much of the Bank's money without security. In reply to one question he admitted that the partners and family owed the bank about a million dollars. Total liabilities amount to over a million and a quarter dollars.

Two partners appeared, Li Shun-fan and Li Wing-kwong. Mr. T. G. Bennett and Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for some of the creditors.

In reply to the Official Receiver Li Shun-fan said he was 51 and had lived in Hongkong all his life. He had been continually occupied in business and considered himself a skilled and experienced business man used to dealing with figures. There was another partner in the firm, Li Lok-lau who died in 1922. A fourth partner was a woman named Li Hoi-wu who was not now in the Colony. The original capital of the Bank was \$244,000. The three male partners each contributed \$80,000 and the woman partner \$4,000. The money he put in he got from what he had and his interests in some shops. His father had been a wealthy man and had left him over \$100,000. His money was first put in a leather business which had not paid and he put it in the Shun Li Wing. That was between 10 and 20 years ago. The Shun Li Wing had failed, in 1922, and the liabilities amounted to \$800,000. Li Wing-kwong and himself had paid the debts except one, which was owing by that firm to the Wing Hing bank, a sum of \$500,000.

The Same Partners.

The Official Receiver: Who were the partners in the Shun Li Wing?—Li Wing-kwong, Li Lok-lau, myself and a manager.

They were the same as the partners in the Bank?—Yes, mostly.

To meet the liabilities of the Shun Li Wing you took money from the Wing Hing bank?—Yes.

When the last balance sheet of the Bank was drawn and published in January 1925 you put down the Shun Li Wing debt of half a million as an asset. When you came to file your statement of affairs you put it down as a debt, not even as a doubtful one?—I didn't know then whether I could collect it or not.

According to your statement of affairs you are a debtor to the Wing Hing bank for \$372,000?—Yes.

Debtor went on to say he was interested in the estate of Li Chi-fong deceased. The whole of that estate had been realised and distributed with the exception of what was in Canton. This consisted of rice fields.

The Official Receiver: You have not realised them in ten years?—No, the price offered was too small.

Million Due From Partners and Family.

I put it to you that over a million dollars are due from the partners of the Wing Hing bank and from other firms in which they are partners and from the Li family?—Yes.

Practically all debts are due to the depositors of the Wing Hing bank?—Yes.

The partners and members of the Li family have been living on the bank for years?—Yes.

The liabilities are \$1,863,023?—Yes.

His Lordship: It appears to me that the amount due to depositors is the amount due from the partners and the family to the bank?—I agree.

How did you justify it? What about your own borrowings?—The money I borrowed amounted to \$300,000 but I haven't kept an account. Sometimes I have paid in and sometimes drawn out.

Yes, but you have drawn out oftener than you have paid in?—Yes, on that account we are in this position.

Official Receiver: You were using bank money for your own private business?—That is not so.

Then what were you using it for?—I have lost some money as I borrowed from the Bank.

No Security for Loans.

His Lordship: Did you give the bank any security?—No.

Would you lend money to another person without security?—I have often lent money without security. That is the practice of all banks.

His Lordship: A very comfortable practice for borrowers who are directors.

Further questioned, debtor said he paid 9 p.c. on the money which he borrowed without security.

This he said was the usual rate in the Colony for such borrowings.

"I trusted myself and thought I was trust-worthy" added debtor.

Further questioned by the Official Receiver he said he was an executor of Li Lok-lau's estate but no provision was made for his debt to the bank because it was not discovered till their statement of affairs was made. San Choi-tong was a firm which had borrowed money from the bank through Li Lok-lau. They had lent it to someone else. They only paid out his estate as directed by the will.

His Lordship: Did you pay money to the beneficiaries and leave the debts?—We did not know what money was owing by him to the Bank.

You know some was?—All that was drawn in his own name was returned.

Forgot a Quarter Million.

Debtor said he was given letters of administration in respect of this estate but he was only a nominal executor. He however, forgot about the debt of the San Choi Tong.

The Official Receiver: A small item to forget—a quarter of a million?—I seem to have forgotten it, I can't help it now.

On the death of Li Lok-lau were partnership accounts taken?—No.

Take this balance sheet. There are three items marked. They are the amounts due to the bank by Li Lok-lau?—Yes.

They total \$230,943—All I know is that when the account was set off he still owed \$160,000.

The \$497,000 owed by Li Chufong appears in that balance sheet as an asset of the bank?—Yes.

Not a cent has ever been received?—\$200,000 has been set off. The \$245,000 owing by the San Choi Tong is an absolutely bad debt?—Yes.

Which has appeared in the balance sheet as an asset for three years?—Yes.

Knowledge of Insolvency.

When was the Wing Hing first insolvent?—The seventh month last year.

Although you had been carrying this debt of a quarter of a million by the Shun Li Wing, \$300,000 from Li Chufong and \$245,000 from the San Choi Tong do you still say you did not know you were insolvent until then?—Yes.

Your balance of assets over liabilities for the year January 1922 to February 1923 was \$94,188—Yes.

You were carrying a million dollars of bad debts, only showed a balance of \$94,188 and still say you didn't know you were insolvent?—Some of these items I expected to collect.

His Lordship: What per centage did you expect to collect?—Ten to 20 p.c.

All you expected to collect was at most \$200,000 when you issued that balance sheet?—No, not at the time when the balance sheet was drawn.

How much did you expect to get then?—The full amount, the whole million. I didn't take the items off because I didn't know what I should collect.

The Official Receiver: The Shun Li Wing liabilities were \$800,000 and you took \$300,000 of the Bank's money to pay debts of the firm. Do you say you expected to get half a million dollars out of the Shun Li Wing?—I expected to get something out of the partners later on.

Same Debts in Following Year.

The Official Receiver went on to deal with the same debts which appeared in the balance sheet of the following year. Debtor said he still expected to collect 50 or 60 per cent of them. Referring to the following balance sheet he asked if 50 per cent of the same debts were insolvent. Debtor replied that he wouldn't have known it. There was still \$150,000 of Li Lok-lau's estate left.

Official Receiver: Then as an executor why did you not pay the debt to the Bank?—I'm only a nominal executor.

Have you paid the money of Li Lok-lau's estate to the beneficiaries under the will?—Yes, according to the will.

Then why hasn't this debt been paid?—Two items have been paid.

Then why do they appear in the balance sheet as assets of the bank?—I can't explain myself. The accountant who drew up the balance sheet must be called.

Do you suppose that if \$168,000 had been paid to the bank the accountant would not have known it?—I shall call him for an explanation.

Your creditors are poor people?—I don't know whether they are poor or rich.

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At this stage the case was adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

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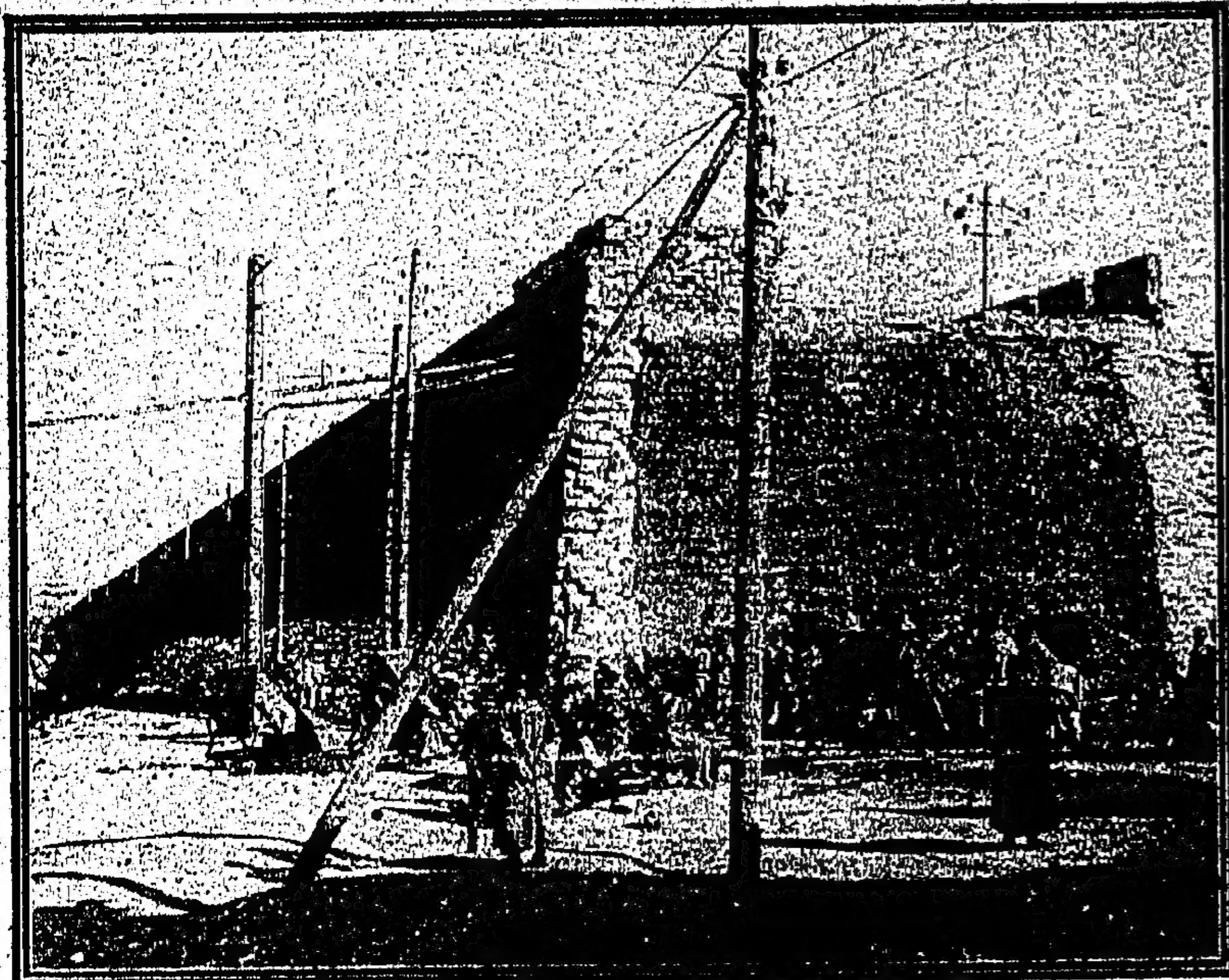


SALESMAN SAM.



The Inside Dope on Married Life

By Swan



CUTTING THROUGH THE WALL OF PEKING.—The ancient wall which encircles Peking is being cut open to construct a new gateway between the Tartar and the Chinese sections of the city. Modern traffic has demanded this passage for a score of years, but persistent superstitious opposition by the citizens of the neighbourhood has until now prevented undertaking this sacrilegious work. The new gate is situated to the west of Chien Men, in a position corresponding to the well-known Water Gate at the east. The opening at this point will greatly aid the accessibility of the Liu Li Chang district, noted for its old porcelain shops and its annual jewel fair.



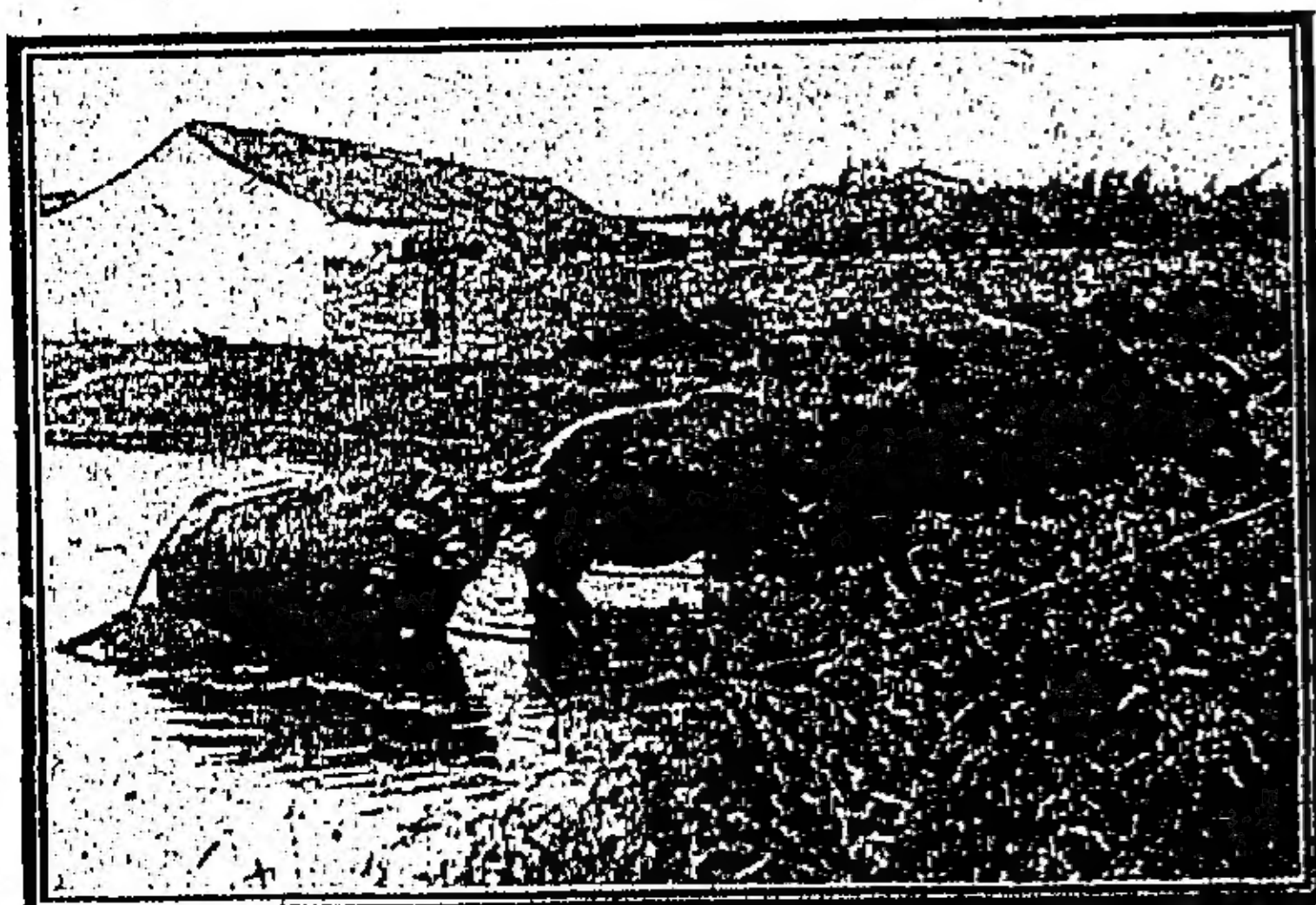
NOW WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH IT?—The little cord plaiter, at her home-made machine, puzzling over something that has made the pattern "go wrong." Note the primitive construction of the stand and the attempt to ornament the two upright posts by a break in the straight line.



BRITISH DELEGATION TO THE TARIFF CONFERENCE.—Seated (from the left): Mr. H. H. Fox, Col. the Hon. S. Peel, Sir Ronald Macleay, Mr. K. D. Stewart and Mr. A. Brooks Smith. Standing: Messrs. Gamble, Melville, Newton (Foreign Office), Teichman, Cockell, and Mr. E. M. Gull.



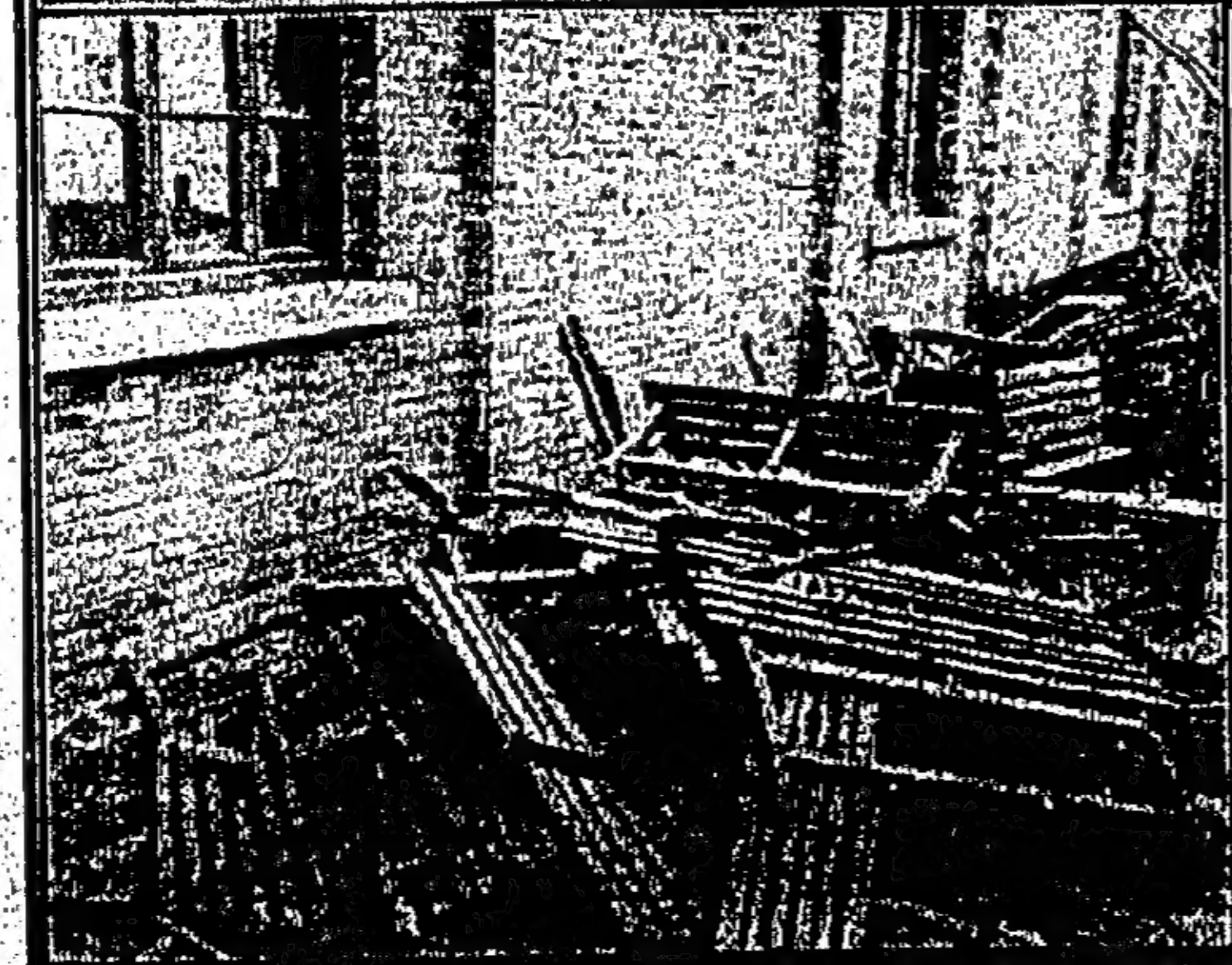
CHINA'S NEW MINISTER TO SWEDEN.—Mr. Tseng Tung-kan, China's new Minister to Sweden, is preparing to leave Peking for his new post at the earliest possible moment.



A BATH TO COOL THEM DOWN.—Water buffaloes enjoy a swim during the warm weather, and will lie for hours in the water with only the tips of their noses showing on the surface. These four seem reluctant to leave the village pond.

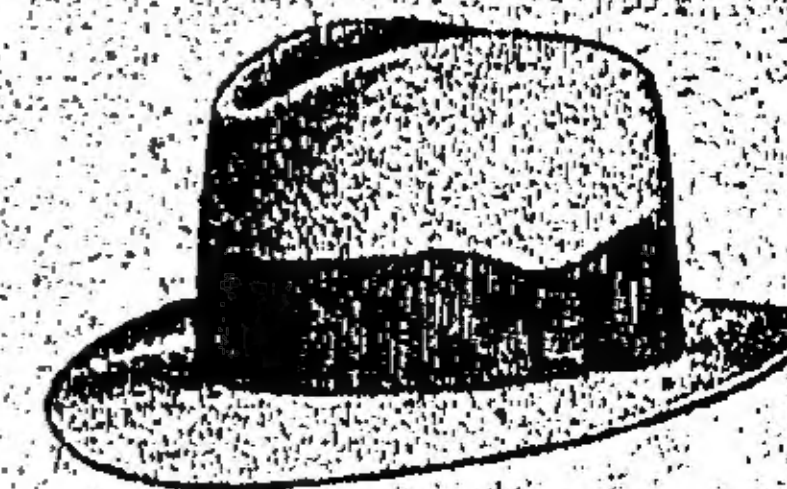


FINNISH JUDGE VISITS FAR EAST.—Judge K. Ignatius, second from left, with Mr. J. O. Lillehook, Consul-General for Sweden, Mr. E. G. Wahamaki, Consul for Finland, and Mrs. Wahamaki, on the Customs' jetty, at Shanghai. Judge Ignatius visited Hongkong a few days ago, being a passenger on the s.s. Laconia.



SCENES DURING THE PEKING RIOTS.—Fourteen men were seriously injured in the riot which occurred at the National University in Peking on March 10, when Soviet sympathisers attacked an anti-Soviet meeting which was being held there. Mr. Cheng Hsiu-ching, a leader of the anti-Bolshevik group is shown in the top picture after he was rescued by the police from the mob. The lower picture shows the smashed benches which were wrecked by the invaders and thrown out of the windows of the assembly hall of the university.

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Notice is hereby given that the Second Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at the Central British School, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Wednesday, the 7th day of April 1926, at 6.15 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

WM. PATERSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon, March 30, 1926.

INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Notice is hereby given that all Fire and Marine Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the transaction of business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 2nd, 3rd and 5th April, 1926.

By Order,

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.

The Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong.
The Marine Insurance Association of Hongkong and Canton.
Hongkong, March 30, 1926.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

FANLING HUNT RACES.

Easter Monday 1926.

A special train will leave Kowloon at 11.02 a.m., arriving at Fanling at 11.37 a.m. Special tickets will be issued for this train at \$1.50 Return first class, and 90 cents Return second class. Booking at Kowloon Station only. No other tickets will be available. Train will return from Fanling at 4.50 p.m. arriving at 5.25 p.m.

By Order,

H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

Kowloon, March 31, 1926.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th April, 1926.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1926.

FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES.

EASTER MEETING.

Monday, April 5th, 1926.

Saddling Bell 12 noon
First Race 12.30
Entrance to Enclosure and Covered Stands \$3.00
Motor cars can be parked on the rail opposite the grand stand, \$5.00.
The Masters of the Hunt request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races.
Special Express Train to the Races leaves Kowloon at 11.02 a.m. Buses and Jitney cars for the Course will meet the train.
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Hongkong, March 25, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

The First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 3rd April, 1926 commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each up to Thursday 1st April.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

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SHANGHAI v. HONGKONG
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The Transfer Books of the company will be closed from 8th to 22nd April, 1926, both days inclusive.

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Goods not cleared by the 5th April, 1926, at noon will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 1st April, 1926, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the special form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Consignees are hereby notified that owing to a Fire in the After Hold a General Average has been declared. It is therefore necessary for the Average Agreement to be signed and a Deposit of 15% paid before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th April, will be subject to rent.

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DIVORCE AND BIRTH CONTROL.

FATHER SCHMIDT SPEAKS

Two topical questions, namely divorce and birth-control, received the attention of Father Schmidt, S. J., of the Manila University, when he delivered his seventh address in the Roman Catholic Cathedral yesterday evening, to a very large congregation.

The preacher began by stating that the ban on divorce was not purely a Church prerogative, but was also sometimes exercised by the State, as was the case with the State of North Carolina whose decided attitude against divorce was in direct contrast to that of other parts of the Union. The facilities available for those who wanted a "painless" severance of their marriage vows in America were such that it was the fashion, said Father Schmidt, for women to have five or six proper names.

Leaving religious considerations aside for the moment, if they approached the question of divorce from another angle, said the preacher, there would also be found in it an obligation of as great a weight as that required by religion. According to their philosophy, the primary end of matrimony was the procreation of children. Having accepted that much, the obligation must be continued, in that the creature thus brought forth into life and being must be endowed with all that was necessary for the attainment of perfect manhood; and how was this practicable, Father Schmidt asked, under unstable conditions such as those resulting from divorce or the threat of divorce? One divorce often did not bring the anticipated relief, and was merely a precedent for another. The same process was again repeated, until seven or eight times, in cases which recurred to the speaker's mind.

On the question of birth-control, Father Schmidt alluded to what he described as the insidious and universal hold which - unsound doctrines, unknown 25 years ago, had now attained, with the help of certain "cranks" and a mass of publicity matter which was now on sale everywhere and within the reach of everyone. He deplored the fact that birth control was being practised by thousands upon thousands of people, with the help of contraceptives, the use of which was to be strongly condemned. He compared the seriousness of the practice with murder, saying that it amounted to nothing less than homicide. And just as the perpetrator of a murder was answerable to both God and man, so likewise the practice of contraception would exact its retribution both ways. For interfering with the work of God, they would be punished by God, and for interfering with the work of Nature, which was the work of God, Nature would in its turn wreak its own punishment in the deterioration of the physical system, leading in the long run to the deterioration of the human race.

As to the arguments advanced by the advocates of birth-control, the preacher dealt with these categorically. They were based, he said, on grounds of over-population, on adverse circumstances of the parents, preventing them from giving their offspring proper support or education, and on ill-health which too many births were said to produce on the mother.

As regards the first of these arguments, the speaker, in alluding to conditions in Russia, said that too often non-sufficiency of food was attributable to conditions entirely of man's own making, and to this disregard for the scriptural injunction that he should earn his bread by the sweat of his brow.

As regards the second point, it would be hard, said Father Schmidt, to look into the future. It was conceivable, and certainly to be prayed for, that the future would take a turn for the better.

On the third argument, Father Schmidt referred to known cases of large families as furnishing an irrefutable denial. In the case of an American family of nineteen, pictures of whom he had seen, the mother was in the best of health. She looked more like an elder sister to the children than their mother.

If those who practised birth-control would only be honest with themselves, they would admit what was the truth—namely, that they were endeavouring to shrink a responsibility which they did not want to shoulder, because it would detract in no small measure from their sense of the material enjoyment of this life.

In conclusion, the speaker said he hoped that what he had said had not offended any of his congregation, and he exhorted particularly those who were married to recognize the responsibility entailed upon them by the holy sacrament of matrimony.

SANITARY SUMMONS.

CASE AGAINST SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

The meaning of the ordinance was questioned by Mr. R. Wadeson this morning, before Major Willson, at the Central Police Court, when he appeared for the manager of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., of St. George's Building, who was summoned by the sanitary authorities for failing to keep water-closets in a cleanly condition.

After Inspector J. Stirton had informed the Bench that the work had been done, Mr. Wadeson said there were one or two observations he would like to make. The Ordinance laid down that summonses should be issued against the owner or the occupier, and notice should be sent prior to the summons. With regard to this case, the defendant firm was neither the owner nor the occupier, and the summons was brought against them.

As a matter of fact, the owners of the premises were the Hongkong Territorial Estates. Major Willson asked if the defendant firm were the agents or not, and Mr. Wadeson replied that they might be, but they were not the owners or the occupiers. The only right the Sanitary Board had was under the Ordinance, which said the summons should be against the owner or the occupier.

Major Willson:—Would you be prepared to admit that they were liable? Mr. Wadeson replied that he did not think he would, because under the Ordinance it stated that where an insanitary condition of the premises was due to structural defects, and if the work was actually being performed, there was really no offence. On December 23rd, an application was made to the Sanitary Board for permission to install a new system throughout the building, on the grounds that the one in existence was structurally defective. It was not until a week ago that the necessary permission was granted.

Inspector Stirton said in the first place that the firm was served with the notice, and they did not say anything to the department about their not being the owners, so they apparently accepted liability. When he first found the nuisance, he asked the coolie in charge who used the place, and he replied Shewan, Tomes, and Company. The coolie brought the key, and the doors were opened. Consequently the summons was made out against the firm, and he thought that was quite in order. It was quite true that the firm applied for permission to alter the system, but he did not think that altered the fact that they were responsible for the general cleanliness. The notice served concerned two water-closets and one urinal. Excellent work had been done on the latter, but the former two had been left. It had since been completed. He considered the firm were the agents.

Mr. Wadeson said he thought they were the agents, but nevertheless it cast no onus on them. The Ordinance stated that notice must be served on the owner or the occupier, and in that case it had been served on neither.

The action of the Ordinance in connection with the point was then read, and Major Willson intimated that he would reserve his decision, and adjourned the case for a week.

Berlin.—Serious differences between north and south Germany are anticipated in case the government of the Reich in Berlin should ever decide to make Germany dry. Bavaria will never consent to such a move. This was shown in a recent session of the Munich City Council, which, despite its strong socialist faction stood against local option on liquor, almost to a man. The Munich Council finally adopted a motion declaring that local option was immoral and a blow at personal liberty. It will be submitted to the Reich as Bavaria's answer to dry's activities.

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VALEDICTORY.

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but I fear that I am only able to accept the kindly intentions at their full value. It is most gratifying to receive these beautiful and useful presents from both the European and Chinese staffs of the Public Works Department, but what is better still is the underlying good feeling that has caused these presentations to be made. I have been a member of the Public Works Department staff for over 23 years, which is a long spell out of one's life time and it is difficult for me to realise the extent of the wrench in parting from those with whom I have been in daily association, and with the interests of the Public Works Department. My thanks are due to all members of the Department for the whole-hearted support that has invariably been given me and for their forbearance with me in times of stress.

In 1897, when I first arrived in Hongkong, the staff of the Department consisted of about 24 Europeans. In 1926, the staff numbers about 180 Europeans. In 1897 the Extraordinary Expenditure was about \$1,550,000. In 1924 it was \$3,112,786, and in 1925 it would have been far higher had it not been for untoward circumstances. The evidences of the work of the Public Works Department are indelibly marked on this island, which is unique, in that I believe there is no other place of the size of the island of Hongkong in the world that can boast of having so many important public works contained within its boundaries, and Kowloon and the New Territories to-day bid fair to compete with the island of Hongkong. Although I am retiring from this service, I shall always watch with interest the progress of work in this Colony and shall hope to see members of the staff, that I have known and worked with here, promoted to positions of importance in other Colonies, as well as obtaining their advancement in Hongkong.

Gentlemen, these souvenirs you have presented to me will be valued not only on account of their actual worth but for the very kind thoughts they represent, and my wife, who was so kindly considered in the selection of the souvenirs from the European members of the staff, desires to join with me in thanking you for them. I also desire to take this opportunity for thanking the Water Works Meter readers, Mr. Chan Sig-u, Mr. Chan To-sui, Water Works outside foremen and the Water Works messengers for the souvenirs they so kindly presented to me and my deep appreciations for the good wishes expressed by them on the eve of my departure, and especially so seeing that I have been separated from the direct control of this branch for seven years. I take this opportunity, Your Excellency, Mr. Cressy and gentlemen, in saying my official farewell with the hope that all luck and prosperity will attend you throughout your lives and that the adverse circumstances affecting the welfare of this Colony will cease at an early date. Once again I thank you all.—(Applause).

GOVERNOR'S ENCOMIUMS. In the course of a short speech, His Excellency the Governor said it gave him very great pleasure to meet the assembled Public Works Department, Mr. Hollingsworth arrived in the Colony two years before he (His Excellency) and for all that time they had known each other intimately. Mr. Hollingsworth's work was now indelibly marked in Hongkong and wherever future generations went walking in the Colony they would be able to point to this and to that public work done by Mr. Hollingsworth. Only the other day he, together with Mr. Cressy, were walking back from Tytam and they stopped to look at the Wongneicheong Reservoir. The date of that reservoir was two years after Mr. Hollingsworth had arrived here and it was one of the very first big works with which he was concerned. It was a very fine piece of work, still. He (His Excellency) was sorry that his return to the Colony coincided with the leaving of Mr. Hollingsworth because he had hoped that they might have spent very many happy days together during the time he was holding the Government. But no man better deserved rest and retirement and they wished Mr. Hollingsworth every happiness in his future life at home.—(Applause).

Those present were then personally introduced to His Excellency and goodbyes were said to Mr. Hollingsworth.

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SCHOOL PRIZES.

THE ITALIAN CONVENT DISTRIBUTION.

Good Year's Report.

The Rev. Fr. Spada, pro-Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, presented the prizes to the scholars of the Italian Convent at a private distribution at the school yesterday morning. In a short address the Rev. Father Spada spoke of the good work being carried out at the Convent and congratulated the pupils and teachers upon the satisfactory results obtained both at the University and school examinations.

The Headmistress reported satisfactorily on the general conduct of the school. She stated:

Pupils in general attend school regularly, and the number of pupils lost owing to the strike is now not only regulated but surpassed. From Class 8 upwards, the pupils are accommodated in the new premises, where the class-rooms are cool, airy and light.

The work of the school continues to be good, as can be gathered from the Inspector's report and University successes.

"Discipline" writes Mr. Ralph, "is excellent. Reading and recitation are good throughout the School, and dictation tests generally very satisfactory. It was noted with satisfaction that practical English lessons take the place of formal grammar lessons in the Junior School. Drawing in all its branches is very well taught, and much of the work shown, especially in the senior classes, was of a high order. Nature-study drawing, in connection with Object lessons, was very satisfactory. Written work in all classes was very neat, and carefully corrected. In the Kindergarten and Junior classes very successful work was shown. The children sang and recited, and obviously thoroughly enjoyed doing so. Happiness appeared to be the key note of these classes—this is as it should be. Singing throughout the school has greatly improved during recent years. The special classes for Chinese girls preparing for the English classes are very well taught, the written work shown was excellent. Mrs. Sutherland was kind enough to inspect the needlework and was much impressed with the usefulness and excellence of the work done."

University Successes. During the year 15 pupils entered for the Hongkong University, and 12 passed; 14 entered for the Junior Local Examination and 12 passed. Miss Lily Williams, Miss Carolina Maher and Miss Tullie Barretto with distinction in Biblical knowledge; Miss Emerenciana Santos and Miss Molly Franco with distinction in needlework.

Scholarships. Miss Conceita Milian is the winner of the Lugard Scholarship for the year 1926-1927; Miss Olga King and Miss Carmen Xavier are the winners of Lady Ho Tung Scholarships for good conduct and application.

The Prize-winners. The Rev. Fr. Spada distributed the prizes as under:

Prize for Biblical Knowledge: Miss Marie M. Alves.

Scholarships—Lugard Scholarship for the year 1926-1927, Miss Conceita Milian; Lady Ho Tung Scholarships for Good Conduct and Application for the year 1925, Miss Olga King and Miss Carmen Xavier.

Class 1.—Senior Local Certificates and Prizes: Thelma May (1st prize); Ines Franco (2nd); Angelina Choy; Lai Chun Dick, Estelita Xavier, Gerlie Chong, Tung Chin Ho, Maria Lopes Ozorio, Marie M. Alves, Multilda Pereira, Lay Ying Hui, Rosie Rumbabin.

Class 2.—Junior Local Certificates and Prizes: Lily Williams (Distinction in Biblical Knowledge) (1st prize); Tullie Barretto (Distinction in Biblical Knowledge) (2nd); Carolina

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

LAMMERTS ADJUDICATED BANKRUPT.

Schemes Fail to Satisfy Creditors.

In the Bankruptcy Court yesterday before Sir Henry Gollan, the Official Receiver applied for adjudication in the case of Messrs. G. P. and H. A. Lammer. After protracted negotiations, he said, two schemes were approved by a first meeting of creditors, but at a subsequent meeting they were not approved, owing to absence of assets. The only alternative was adjudication. He asked for the appointment of Mr. S. H. Ross as trustee, \$15,000 to be paid as security.

His Lordship granted adjudication.

Wing Shing Shun Firm.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared, for a creditor of the Wing Shing Shun. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for one of the debtors, a partner in the firm.

Mr. McCallum said on the last occasion the Official Receiver asked for an adjournment because some person had been to him and declared that the whole thing had been fraudulently carried out. His Lordship granted an interim receiving order. He understood that Mr. Brooks was going to ask for another adjournment which he, Mr. McCallum, was going to oppose and press for a receiving order.

The Official Receiver said he had been informed that the sale of the business referred to before was fraudulent. One partner was in Canton. The case was adjourned for affidavits to be filed but none had been filed so far.

Mr. Brooks said his client, the partner in Canton, only arrived in Hongkong on Monday night. The sale of the business was carried through without his consent or knowledge. It might be that he would ratify what had been done but he wished for a little time to look into the matter. He therefore applied for a short adjournment. He did not oppose a receiving order.

The Official Receiver said he saw no objection to a receiving order being made.

Mr. McCallum called a witness to prove a debt of \$2,000 and a receiving order was granted.

Adjudication.

The Official Receiver applied for adjudication in the case of the Wang Ching Leung. He said adjudication was granted in 1925 against a partner and not against the firm and the present action became necessary. He applied to be appointed as trustee. The application was granted.

Maher (Distinction in Biblical Knowledge) (2nd); Emerenciana Santos (Distinction in Needlework); Clara Botelho, Carmen Xavier, Benedicta Xavier, Wong Po Chue, Henriette Demie, Olga Azedo, Molly Franco (Distinction in Needlework); Alice Sufiad.

Class 3.—Prizes: Conita Milian (1st prize); Esther Ng and Della Tossan (2nd); Lucy Tossan, Annie Tse, Lily Gubbay.

Class 4.—Prizes: Mafalda Geng (1st prize); Lily Cheung (2nd); May de la Sala, Declinda Gosano, Amanda Albuquerque.

Class 5.—Prizes: Cecilia Tse and Kitty Tse (1st prizes); Cecilia Leong (2nd); Cecilia Remedios, Lily Tan, Florence Tong, Phyllis Hunt.

Music.—Prizes: Benedicta Xavier; Declinda Gosano.

Water Colour Painting: Katie Tse (1st prize).

Portuguese Cinsaes: Hadwige Silva, Luisa Chua, Olga Azedo, Christina Jorge, Heredia Silva, Aida de Rosa, Ines Ozorio, Mercia Xavier, Gracilda da Rosa, Margaret Xavier, Beatriz Ozorio.

PEAK SCHOOL.

PUPILS' DANCING DISPLAY LAST EVENING.

Clever Performers.

The pupils of the Peak School gave an interesting display at the Peak Club last evening, before a large assemblage of parents and friends. The various items were extremely well rendered, giving evidence of careful training and stage management. The French poems were particularly good, as were the Grinoline Dance and Jack Frost and the Sun Fairies.

Great credit is due to Mrs. Starke, the headmistress of the Peak School, and to Mrs. E. J. Bullock, who made the fairy and flower costumes for the various items; while the staff of the school are to be congratulated for the excellence of the elocution and the ability of the several pupils in their parts.

The programme was as follows, all the performers being deserving of the applause given:

Recitation "Faerie Fair"; Dances, Clap Dances, Ace of Diamonds, Cockin China; Songs, French Nursery Rhymes; Recitation, Fairy Carpet; Dance, Jack Frost and the Sun Fairies; Recitation, French Poems; Songs, English Folk Songs, (1) Where are you going to? (2) Forty Dukes; Dances, Shoe Maker, I see you, Finger Polka; Recitation, The Rabbit; Dance, Grinoline Dance; Recitations, (1) Daffodils, (2) Woodrow; Song and Dance, Fairy Tailor.

FRENCH POLITICS.

ANOTHER BIG DEBATE.

Paris, March 30.

A decisive debate opens in the Chamber to-day, with a situation similar to three weeks ago, when M. Briand was unexpectedly beaten on the eve of the Geneva meeting to the consternation of both his supporters and opponents.

No-one now waits a Ministerial crisis, but it remains to be seen when it comes to voting whether the Deputies, with the franc at 143, are able to sink party feelings and think nationally.

Yesterday's election of two Communists in the heart of Paris is an indication of the bitterness and confusion in French politics. The Socialists and Radicals withdrew in favour of the Communists, who were beaten by a narrow margin of fifteen hundred votes. The Radical-Socialists are now at pains to explain they are not Communist, but anti-Fascist.

The basis of M. Peret's revised financial proposals is an estimated Budget balance with an excess of revenue of 47 million francs. M. Peret retains the increase to two per cent. of the turnover tax, but as a concession to the Left opponents excludes the retailers.

The finance committee has approved this compromise, but their approval does not entail the adoption by the Chamber.

M. Peret predicts heavy depreciation of the franc if the measures be not voted in two or three days, adds and that the Government did not intervene in exchange because the depreciation is due to psychological factors.—Reuter.

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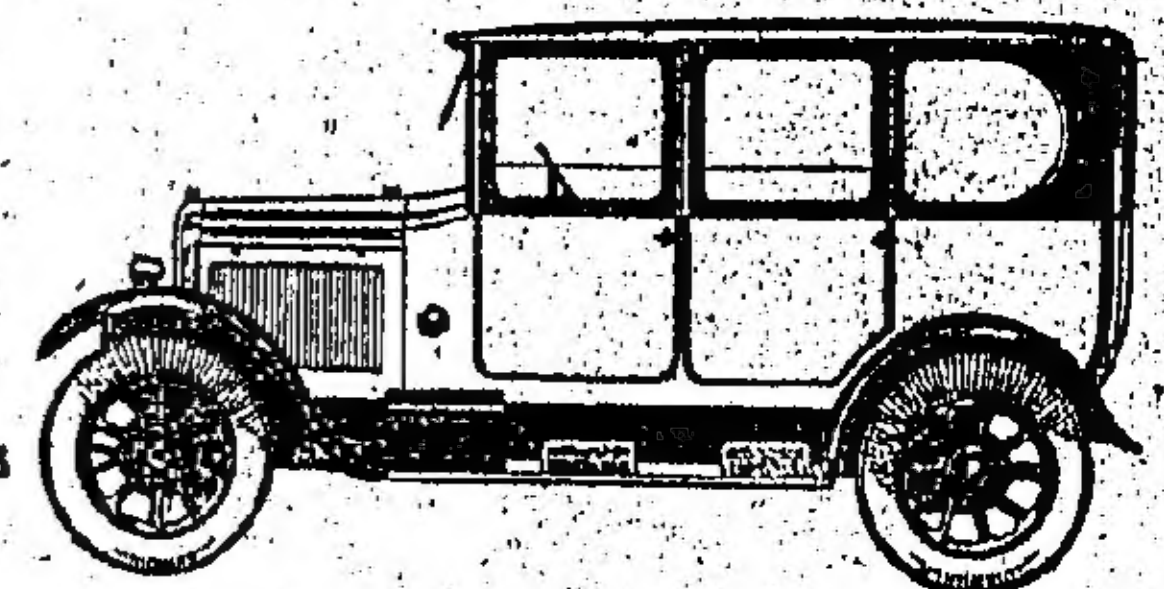
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SHANGHAI SCORES.

The necessity for the more frequent examination of the Colony's water supplies has recently been stressed at meetings of the Sanitary Board, and it is gratifying to learn in this connection that the Government is giving favourable consideration to the question of increasing the bacteriological staff for this purpose. At a recent meeting of the Board, the military member, who is a newcomer to the Colony, expressed much surprise that analyses were not made more frequently than once a month. In Shanghai, apparently, they are far more particular in this respect than Hongkong, for we observe from the monthly reports issued by the Municipality there that no fewer than fourteen examinations were carried out during February, and, what is more, detailed reports are published showing the exact contents of all samples.

But it is not only in regard to the water supply that Shanghai ratepayers are given far more information than are the residents of this Colony. Every week there is published a *Municipal Gazette* which is not, like our own *Government Gazette*, confined to the publication of bare official announcements, but which contains a wealth of information on a variety of subjects. For example, there are weekly returns of staff changes, of additions to the Public Library books, vital statistics, a record of sanitary work carried out, minutes of the work of various committees, particulars of milk analyses with names of the dairies and the result of investigations, Fire Brigade and Police reports, and, last, but not least, a list of tenders invited for public works, particulars of tenders received and the names of the successful tenderers, with the various amounts all fully set out. All these matters are of the greatest possible interest to the public, which supplies the money.

The difference between Hongkong and Shanghai, of course, is that the latter enjoys the benefits of a municipal form of government, with members on the Council who are the elected representatives of the public. Moreover, this system calls for the furnishing of monthly reports by various departments, as is the case at Home. The result is

that the public knows precisely what is taking place, and the returns from the various departments are always kept up-to-date. Criminal and health statistics for the past year have already been made public in Shanghai, whereas it is not many weeks since the last of Hongkong's reports for the year 1924 were issued. It may not be feasible here to emulate Shanghai's example in every detail, but we do think that some means might be devised whereby taxpayers are kept better informed on public matters than is the case at present, for it is seldom, except when the Legislative Council happens to be in session, that information of Government activity gets into the newspapers of the Colony.

Shanghai's Opium Problem.

There is at least one very interesting section of the annual report of Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, the Commissioner of Police in Shanghai, and it is that which deals with the problem of regulating the opium traffic in Shanghai. The report states that the storage of opium in large quantities has practically ceased in the Settlement, and that it is exceedingly difficult to get information in time to carry out a raid. The amassing of opium, however, appears to be nearly as prevalent as ever, both privately and in secret dens, but the latter places are usually off the beaten track, in back rooms difficult of access. Having bestowed high praise on the work of the special police squad which deals with the opium evil, Capt. Barrett says that the sum which has accrued to the Council in fines and confiscations is by no means inconsiderable. He is, however, led to wonder whether the net results to the community are worth the energy and time expended in achieving them, and he closes by emphasizing the opinion, expressed in the annual reports of his predecessors for several years past, that the only satisfactory method of dealing with this most difficult problem is for the Council to control the sale of opium under licence. At present the sale of opium within the Settlement is absolutely prohibited and this accounts for the fact that there are so many sly places of sale and so much illicit drug to be had by those who know how to get it. Shanghai's problem with opium is comparable to America's problem with alcoholic drink and we in Hongkong can congratulate ourselves that the system which here prevails (that of Government control and sale) is the one that gives the least trouble, and yet permits diminution under a system of increasing and, it is to be hoped, prohibitive, prices. The amount of opium smuggled into Hongkong is infinitesimal compared to what it would be were the sale and smoking of opium absolutely barred. Perhaps the authorities of the Model Settlement will one day put into effect the persistent recommendations of its Police chiefs.

EXCHANGE RATES.

To-day's exchange rates are as follow:	
Paris	141 1/2
Brussels	121 1/2
Amsterdam	12 1/2
London	20 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2
Vienna	34 1/2
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	103
Buenos Aires	24 1/2
Shanghai	2 1/2
Yokohama	1 10 1/2
Geneva	25 1/2
Milan	120 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2
Oslo	22 1/2
Prague	104
Madrid	34 1/2
Rio	7 1/2
Bombay	2 3/4
Hongkong	100
Silver (forward)	30 1/2

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NAVAL ESTIMATES.

REVISSED FIGURE SHOWS INCREASE.
London, March 30.
The revised naval estimates for 1925/26, due to a supplementary estimate and other alterations, amount to £19,122,000, as compared with the original estimate of £18,691,000.—*Reuter*

DAY BY DAY.

HASTE AND RASHNESS ARE STORMS AND TEMPESTS, BREAKING AND WRECKING BUSINESS.—*Fuller*.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is—East winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

The P. & O. s.s. *Morea*, which left Singapore at 4 p.m. yesterday, is due here at 7 a.m. on April 2nd.

One case of diphtheria (European) and one of cerebro-spinal fever (Japanese) were notified yesterday.

The Spanish Government has appropriated \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the aeroplane flight from Madrid to Manila.

On Monday, two cases of smallpox were reported, the sufferers being respectively Scottish and Chinese. The first-named was imported.

A Chinese woman has been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to her head which she says were inflicted by her husband with a chopper. The husband has disappeared.

Motor car No. 997 ran into the back of private ricksha No. 845 when both were proceeding in the same direction in Queen's Road East. The ricksha was overturned, but there was no passenger in it at the time.

The health return for the past week shows three cases of diphtheria (two fatal), and one fatal case of typhoid fever. All were Chinese. There was also one death from hydrophobia and one case of rabies (dog).

Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, Chief Police Accountant, will leave the Colony on furlough on Saturday by the s.s. *Morea*. While he is away, his duties will be discharged by Mr. W. F. Stone. Mrs. Taylor and family left in January.

A Chinese has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital, with injuries received through falling from the roof of No. 313, Nathan Road, Kowloon. It is suspected that the injured man was attempting to enter the house for an unlawful purpose.

Inspector O'Brien, of the S. P. C. A., arrested a man at Shamshui yesterday with two crates of fowls, in one of which were fifty birds and in the other forty. Two were dead. At the Kowloon Magistracy to-day, Mr. Nihill fined the man \$10.

When the passenger junk B19996V was sailing from the Kowloon Godown wharf to Hongkong yesterday, a collision occurred with the steam launch *Vancouver*, causing damage to the junk to the extent of \$120. Luckily there were no casualties.

A vocal and instrumental recital will be given in St. John's Cathedral on Good Friday evening at 9.15. Soloists will include Mrs. Watt (contralto), Mrs. Balaban (solo violin), and Mr. H. Edwin Gardner (tenor). Choral works will be rendered by an augmented choir. The collection will go to the Cathedral Organ Fund.—*Advt.*

At the annual meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, held on Thursday, the following Committee was elected for the ensuing year:—Messrs. H. E. Arnold, A. W. Burkill, G. S. Campbell, C. G. Humphrys, H. W. Lester, A. B. Lowson, Brigadier-General E. B. Macnaghten, C.M.G., D.S.O., R. Calder Marshall, P. W. Sheppard and G. A. Turner.

Based as it is upon Sir Arthur Sullivan's famous song, "The Lost Chord," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, is a film carrying throughout a note of tragedy, well worthy of the attention of local cinema-goers. The scenes are laid in picturesque surroundings and the photography is excellent. Alice Lake, as the Countess Zara, inspires the wonderful chord, but she dies in the composer's arms, and the haunting melody evades him until the exalting close of the drama.

"Some of the most successful people in the country today in which I spent my early days could not read or write, but their bank books were all right. Education is not everything."—*Judge Parfit*

THE BOOKSHELF.

MR. GOLDSMITH'S NEW BOOK.

Mr. H. E. Goldsmith, Executive Engineer in charge of Roads, Hongkong, has just republished under a new title and in more comprehensive form his former well-known work "Modern Road Construction and Maintenance." The new book, which is entitled "Practical Road Engineering," has, says a preface, to a large extent been based upon the earlier work, the two editions of which are practically exhausted. The introduction of new chapters on plant, quarries, and skidding with it is thought, make a more complete work for the students of road engineering and those responsible for the construction and upkeep of highways under modern requirements. The book contains a large number of most excellent illustrations of Hongkong roads, diagrams, and a wealth of technical information and guidance. Mr. Goldsmith is to be congratulated on the fruit of his labours.

The book is on sale at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh at \$17.50.

THE CHURCH IN CHINA.

All interested in the work of the Church of England in China should not fail to get a copy of the new book which has been issued by Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co., entitled "The Call From the Far East." It is, in short, a comprehensive statement of the facts which constitute the Call from the Far East to the Church of England, prepared by a Commission appointed by the Missionary Council of the Church Assembly. The book deals exhaustively with the past work and needs of the various dioceses in China, Japan, Korea and Singapore, and constitutes a most powerful appeal to the people of Britain to assist in the great evangelical work which is being carried on and which needs extending. There is a most interesting chapter on the diocese of Victoria.

ALL ABOUT TIBET.

We have received from Messrs. T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., a new book entitled "A Tibetan on Tibet," by George Combe. It is a book which should appeal not only to the theologian and the sociologist, but to "the man in the street," who will find a remarkable human document in the story, told by himself, of the Tibetan boy who accompanied a Lama of the Red Sect on pilgrimages all over Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan, as well as down to Buddhaya and Lahore in India. For the first time we get an account from the inside of the manner and customs of the Tibetans and the nomad tribes, such as the wild Golok, who inhabit the coldest parts of that mysterious land; and in the concluding chapter we are initiated into the meaning and significance of the famous Devil Dance. The personal narrative, told with simplicity and detachment, leaves the reader with a pleasing sense of having found new and interesting acquaintances in Dorje (Pau Sherap) and his Lama friend, Pedama Rinchen. The published price is 10/-.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN TEACHER'S LEADER.

London, March 30.

The death is announced of Mr. Charles W. Crook, M.P., the well-known leader of the National Union of Teachers.—*Reuter*.

The late Mr. Crook, who was 64 years of age, was one of the most prominent members of the N.U.T. For 14 years he was a member of the Executive of the Union, and for 15 years a member of the B. and O. Council of that body. He was a member of the Teachers' Provident Society, was Treasurer of the Union's War Aid Fund, was President of the N.U.T. for the years 1916 and 1917, and was at one time a member of the Burnham Committee on Salaries in Primary, Secondary and Technical Schools. He was Hon. Secretary of the Conservative Teacher's Advisory Committee and was also a member of the National Savings Committee.

A few years ago he was honoured by being elected a member of the Senate of the London University. He was returned to Parliament for East Ham (North) in 1922, and was again successful in the 1924 election.

CRUISER LAUNCHED.

THE LAST OF FIVE.

London, March 30.
H. M. S. *Berwick*, the last of the five light cruisers ordered for the Admiralty, has been launched at Govan.—*Reuter*.

The Very Idea!

Aberdeen continues its propaganda of the Great Scotch Joke. A meeting was held at Marischal College recently of representatives of the four Scottish Universities, which considered, among other things, the advisability of instituting an inter-university neck-tie. And Mr. W. M. Clyde, of St. Andrews, urged that the scheme "would have the additional advantage of enabling them to borrow one another's neckwear."

A correspondent has written to *The Times* on the mis-spelling of English in quarters which should know better. His first instance relates to a miniature rifle, range to be seen at the back of Wellington Barracks from Buckingham-gate. He says that a year ago he wrote day to the War Office pointing out a mistake in the spelling of the word "miniature," which was spelt with one "i" instead of two. The usual reply came saying the matter should receive attention, but the mistake has not been corrected.

Most school children are troubled with dyspepsia and rheumatism, they are so hard to spall.

A motorist brought into a police court at Marylebone recently for failing to stop his car at a police signal declared he was yawning and couldn't see the officer.

On a tombstone near Dijon is carved this epitaph: "Here lies, mourned by his family and lamented by his patrons, Pierre Mercier, inventor of the famous Mercier omelet, the recipe for which his son, living in the Rue Dijon, is the sole proprietor."

After a brief temporary decline, smoking has increased again among women of London under influence of smoking parties given by popular hostesses.

For the more intimate parties smoking coats are worn, usually of velvet slightly longer than a man's smoking jacket, fastened with frogs and sleeveless.

He slipped upon the sidewalk and
Although he took a spill,
It didn't hurt because he only
Fell against his will.

Weather report from a Hampshire paper:—"Friday, generally fair, probably followed by Saturday."

A very modern employer has ordered the following notice to be posted in his business premises:—"Any male employee desiring to attend the funeral of a near relative must notify his foreman before 10 a.m. on the day of the match."

Some more schoolboy howlers:—
An angle is a triangle with only two sides.

Guerrilla warfare is where men ride on monkeys.

Robert Bruce was a Scot, and he kept a pet spider.

The Prime Minister is the wife of the Prime Minister.

A hill is a field with its back up."

Come to think of it, where would the tailoring business be to-day if it hadn't been for an apple?

Solicitor at Bow County Court—
You called on him at an unhappy moment. Mam—Not at all, quite the reverse. He had tapped a fresh barrel of beer in the kitchen.

TWO FOOTBALL PICTURES.



Picture shows R. A. Cornish (Wales) making a good pass to R. Jones as he is brought down in the Rugby match between Scotland and Wales at Edinburgh. The Scotsmen, after being five points down at half-time, won by eight points to five.



Mr. Timothy Healy, Governor General of the Irish Free State, shaking hands with the Irish Rugby team before the match with England at Dublin. For the first time since 1911, Ireland won, the score being 19 points to 15.

FROM QUIETUDE TO UPROAR.

SCENE IN FRENCH CHAMBER.

Paris, March 30. With Mousellike quietude a packed Chamber, assembled for the momentous financial debate which is to decide the fate not only of the Government but possibly also the franc, listened to the Finance Committee's reporter outlining the position. He explained that the problem was to find about 2,460,000,000 francs.

Mr. Peret followed, pleading the urgency of financial reconstruction, including the business turnover tax.

The Chamber's tranquillity was shattered by the sensational entry of the two newly-elected Paris Communists, which was greeted by all Communists rising and singing the Internationale to the accompaniment of indignant shouts from the Right. M. Herriot, the President of the Chamber, quickly donned his top hat and suspended the sitting.

Later.

After a five minutes' interval, a fresh start was attempted. A number of suggested amendments of the poll tax were rejected or shelved and finally the debate was adjourned until to-morrow. The Finance Committee is meanwhile resuming its arduous efforts, and M. Peret insists that the Bill must be voted to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

FRANC RATE STEADIES.

London, March 30. The French franc on London was steadier to-day closing at 141.75 on the progress of the Finance Minister's new taxation proposals. But the Belgian franc again slumped, on heavy selling, opening at 126½ and closing at 131½.—*Reuter*.

FASCIST RESIGNATION.

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S TASK OVER.

Rome, March 30. At a meeting of the Executive of the National Fascist Party, Signor Farinacci announced his resignation of the Secretary Generalship feeling that he had accomplished the mission for which he had assumed the office.—*Reuter*.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

NEW AIR LINERS CHRISTENED.

Rugby, March 30. A fleet of five multiple-engine air liners was christened to-day at the Croydon air station by Lady Hoare, wife of Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister.

Four of the machines are fitted with two Napier-Lion engines of 450 horse power and the fifth has a Jugal motor on each side and one in the nose. They have been built for the Imperial Airways Company which conducts air services to the Continent and which will be entrusted with the new air service from Cairo to Karachi.

Presiding at the luncheon, which was given after the christening, Sir Eric Geddes, Chairman of the Company, said that small as was British aviation it was not an undistinguished member of the world's family of aviation. The advent of the machines which had been christened marked an era of putting behind for all time single-engine machines. Within twelve months from to-day, the Cairo to Karachi service would be opened with fortnightly journeys using three-engine planes. Sir Eric, continuing, said that during the last two years in which the Imperial Airways Company had been in existence, one and three-quarter million miles had been flown and 23,000 passengers carried between this country and the Continent. He made the interesting revelation that ladies fly much more than men to Paris.—*British Wireless*.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

BRITAIN'S POSITION QUITE FREE.

Rugby, March 30.

Mr. G. L. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that no conversations had taken place with the French Government which had committed this country to any limitations or concessions in connection with the coming Disarmament Conference.—*British Wireless*.

R. G. S. AWARDS.

HONOUR FOR DR. GORDON THOMPSON.

London, March 30. The Royal Geographical Society has made its annual awards as follows:

Founders' Medal to Lieut.-Col. Edward Felix Norton, D.S.O., for his leadership of the McKittrick Expedition, 1924.

The Back Grant to Afrax Gul for his surveys of Central Asia.

The Hunza Gill Memorial to Dr. Gordon Thompson, for his journey to the Tibetan and Mongolian borders of China with the late Brig.-Gen. Pereira.—*Reuter*.

[Dr. Gordon Thompson is a brother of Mrs. C. R. Lindsay, wife of the Viceroy of St. Andrews, Kowloon. For some years he was a medical missionary of Yunnanfu, and accompanied the late Brig.-Gen. Pereira when the latter set out to explore certain unknown parts of Tibet. General Pereira died on the journey, and then Dr. Thompson set out for Peking to hand over the late General's belongings and to report of the circumstances under which he died. He was, however, captured by bandits and held for several days. On being released, he completed his journey to Peking and subsequently preached at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. He gave a very interesting account of his travels and experiences.]

FRENCH OIL BILL.

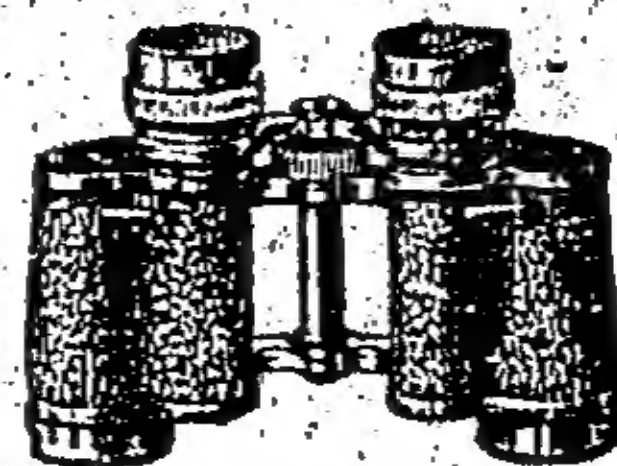
AMERICAN INTERESTS.

Washington, March 30. Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, has instructed Mr. Herrik, the United States Ambassador in Paris, to keep the Washington Government informed of the progress of the projected French Oil Monopoly Bill, now before the Chamber, American oil interests, which have large investments in France, fear that they will suffer should the Bill be passed. The State Department, however, replies that the creation of a monopoly is purely an internal affair of the State concerned, and there is no prospect of any formal protest from Washington.—*Reuter*.

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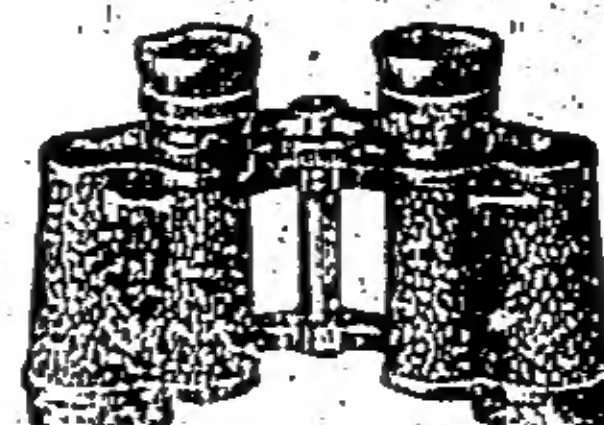


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CORRESPONDENCE.

Shooting Of Dogs.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—In view of the seriousness of rabies, and the large number of dogs which are apparently suffering from the complaint, would it not be advisable to permit residents to destroy wandering dogs themselves? The matter must be dealt with strictly and effectively, and every wandering dog should be destroyed. There are far too many diseased dogs of this kind, and in the interest of public health and safety, they must be removed. No sickly sentimentalism should be allowed to interfere with so urgent a duty. Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.,

MERE MORTAL.
Hongkong, March 31st, 1926.

Knowledgeable folk, who like to understand the local language when walking or driving in vanishing rural England, often trip over place-names. Most of us know, for example, that Cirencester is Cizzeter to the initiated, and Mr. Arnold Bennett's Clayhanger, Clanger. But Balsbury (for Biddington, Arresloe (Alderwasley), Stan'ell (Wharfedale), and Posset (Portishead)—these require memorising. An interesting list of such contractions is given in "Word Lore," a new ninepenny magazine, which has just been published.

TURCO-IRAQ FRONTIER.

BRITAIN'S INSTRUCTIONS BEING DRAFTED.

Rugby, March 30. Asked if he was now in a position to state the result of the negotiations with Turkish Government regarding the Turco-Iraq frontier line, Mr. G. L. Locker-Lampson replied that Sir Ronald Lindsay, the British Ambassador to Turkey, was now in this country, and had been in consultation with the Government. Sir Ronald Lindsay's instructions were now being drafted and, when they were completed, he would proceed to Angora and resume negotiations.—*British Wireless*.

MONKEY BITE.

EUROPEAN LADY'S MISHAP.

Two persons were bitten, one by a dog and the other by a monkey, yesterday, according to reports made to the police.

In the first case, a dog, belonging to a Chinese named Chan Lalchen, bit a Chinese boy, who was taken to the Government Civil Hospital. The dog has been sent to Kennedy Town.

Mr. Warren, of 19, Broadwood Road, reports that his wife has been bitten by a monkey, owned by Mr. McReynolds, a next-door neighbour. It appears that the monkey escaped, and this morning was still at large. Mrs. Warren was treated by a private doctor.



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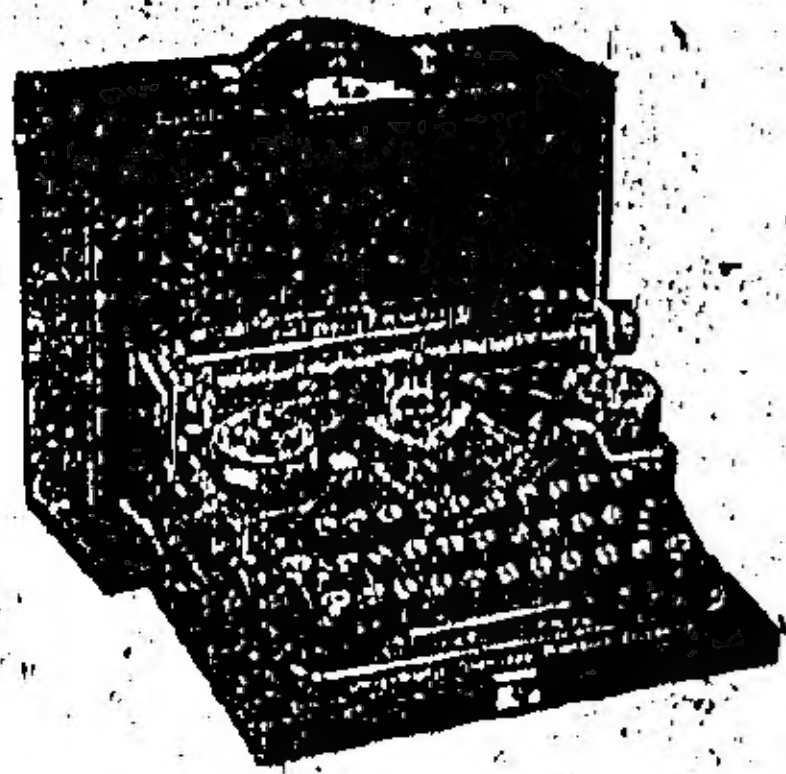
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THE BOMB PLOT.

CURIOUS TURN IN THE EVIDENCE.

The allegation that he made a
statement implicating a woman
under threats by the Police, was
made at the Central Magistracy
yesterday by the man who has
been sentenced to five years' hard
labour for his complicity in the
bomb plot.

Yesterday, he said that the
second defendant, whom he had
previously implicated in evidence,
had nothing whatever to do with
the two bombs, and that he took
everything to the boarding house
himself.

The Magistrate, Mr. E. E.
Lindsell and Major C. Willson,
intimated that they were not
disposed to credit these new
statements.

Technical evidence of the con-
stitution of the bombs was also
given, showing them to be of a
highly explosive nature.

The Early Evidence.

The case is one which reveals
a plot to throw bombs in Hong-
kong. At the previous hearing, it
was stated that the defendant who
has been convicted came under
the influence of a man who was a
leading spirit in the strike and
boycott. They were concerned in
a plot to throw bombs in Hong-
kong after the attempt to provoke
another strike at New Year had
failed.

The bombs were taken to a
boarding house, and it was stated
that they were to be thrown at
Happy Valley. Another impor-
tant point was the fact that the
bombs were similar in certain
respects to pieces of the bomb
used in the Hunghom outrage.

The hearing of the case was
continued at the Central Magis-
tracy yesterday afternoon.

Known Woman Several Years.

The first defendant, who at the
last hearing pleaded guilty and
was sentenced to five years' hard
labour, was cross-examined by
Mr. Armstrong on behalf of the
second defendant, the younger of
the two women. Mr. Armstrong
intimated that he was now in-
structed to represent both the
two remaining defendants.

The witness was accompanied
by a warder, and returned to the
gaol as soon as the cross examina-
tion concluded.

In reply to questions by Mr.
Armstrong, he said he had known
the younger of the defendants for
some years, and knew her when
she was in Canton.

Mr. Armstrong: Have you
known her continuously for
several years?

Witness: Yes.

When did you last see her in
Canton?—I can't remember.

Under Compulsion.

Witness then made a statement
regarding the evidence he gave
at the last hearing, saying "As
a matter of fact the second de-
fendant has nothing to do with
this case. I wish to make an
explanation of the evidence I gave
at the last hearing."

Mr. Armstrong: It's all a lie,
isn't it?

Witness (continuing) I was un-
der compulsion in the circum-
stances that I made the state-
ment. It is not my statement
which implicated the second de-
fendant. She had nothing what-
ever to do with the two bombs.

Mr. Lindsell: Why did you im-
plicate her at all?

Witness: At that time I was
under threats of assault.

Mr. Lindsell: Who made the
threats?

Witness: The Police.

Mr. Lindsell: Can you suggest
why the Police should want to
get this woman into trouble?

Witness: I don't know.

Mr. Lindsell: Can you offer
any explanation why they should?

Witness: I can't explain it.

No Accomplices.

Mr. King, Director of Criminal
Investigation, who prosecutes
them rose to re-examine, and
asked.

When did you make up your
mind that the second defendant
had nothing whatever to do with
the bombs?

Mr. Lindsell: Do you think
that is quite a fair question? The
man says he only made the state-
ment through fear at the previous
hearing.

Mr. Lindsell (to witness): Do
you say you were actually
threatened with beating by the
police?

Witness: They threatened to
beat me if I refused to make a
confession, and I thought I could
not stand the agony.

Mr. Lindsell: Who did take the
bombs to the boarding house then?

Witness: I took everything
there myself.

Mr. King: How did you take
them there?

Witness: I carried them in a
rattan basket.

Safe When Carried.

Mr. King: And in the board-
ing house, one of the attendants
carried the basket from the office
to your room?

Witness: Yes. The bombs
were in the basket then.

Mr. King: Were you afraid
they might drop the basket?

Witness: No, I was not afraid
of that. If I had been I should
not have given it to them to carry.
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Witness: Because the distance
to the ground was only short.

Mr. Lindsell: Even if they had
dropped the basket the bombs
would not have exploded.

Witness: If they are dropped
from a height of less than eight
feet they will not go off.

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amination, and Mr. King said that
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that these are bombs, and ex-
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Mr. Lindsell: In a criminal
case you cannot strictly admit
anything.

Highly Explosive.

Mr. Dovey then continued with
his evidence and said he received
a parcel on March 8 from De-
fendant Inspector Murphy which
contained a bomb. There was also
some reddish powder, some small
stones, and a tallow-like mass
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a mixture of sulphide of arsenic
and potassium chlorate. The
other was gun cotton and nitro-
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Witness: Highly. Its manu-
facture would not be permitted
in the ordinary way.

Continuing, witness said that
small portions of the powder and
tallow-like mass exploded violently
when hit with a hammer.

On March 10 he received the
second bomb, which was complete
with its contents. It was the
same size and type as the other
and its contents were also identi-
cal with the other.

The tallow-like mass was in the
centre, surrounded by small stones
and powder.

Making Bombs in Hongkong.

Mr. King: What would be re-
quired to explode one of these
bombs?

Witness: It would only require
to be dropped.

In answer to further questions
witness said that the bomb would
explode if dropped on the
ground, the force of the impact
being sufficient to explode it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Arm-
strong, witness said the bomb
cases were made of cast iron.
The contents contained a certain
amount of moisture and there
was a little rust on the inside.
He added that all the contents of
the bomb could be obtained
locally.

Mr. Armstrong: It is quite easy
to make a bomb in Hongkong
then?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Armstrong: It might have
been made any time recently?

Witness: Yes.

A boarding house attendant at
the house where the first defen-
dant booked a room, and, accord-
ing to the prosecution, was sub-
sequently joined by the two
female defendants, was then
called.

He said the first defendant came
about 10.30 a.m. on March 2 and
had with him a rattan basket.
There was no luggage in the room
which defendant took before he
went into it. Defendants' basket

was taken up to the room by an
attendant.

Detectives' Evidence.

When the two women came
they each had suitcases. The man
left the boarding house at about
12 o'clock, and no one else went
into the room after the man ex-
cept the two women.

Witness stated that he would
have seen anyone else who might
have entered the room.

Cross-examined by Mr. Arm-
strong witness said that the man
and two women must have been
together about a quarter of an
hour.

The principal Chinese detective
was called, and gave details of
the discovery of the two women
in the room. He said he went
to the boarding house with three
other detectives, and they booked
certain rooms on the first and
second floors. Later two detec-
tives made a report to him and he
went to room No. 10, and asked
for admission.

While he was outside he heard
a scraping sound as if suitcases
were being opened. When they
entered the room the younger
defendant was sitting at a table,
and the other was reclining on a
couch. When she got up a bomb
was found on the sofa partly con-
cealed by a scarf. There was also
a quantity of calumet wrapped up
in a handkerchief, and also a
suitcase under the bed.

Statements Not Credited.

Witness also gave evidence of
the arrest of the first defendant
near Yaumatei Ferry Wharf on the
same evening.

European officers who visited
the room in the boarding house
after the discovery and be-
fore anything in the room had been
moved, related the finding of an-
other bomb in a suitcase, partly
concealed by clothing.

Detective Inspector Murphy
spoke of finding a handkerchief
in a suitcase which was the same
size and of similar pattern to the
one which was used for the out-
meal. The younger defendant,
when searched, was found to be
in possession of a bunch of keys,
one key fitting the suitcase.

This concluded the case for the
prosecution and Mr. Lindsell, in
a reply to a question by Mr.
Armstrong, said that they held
there was sufficient evidence
against the two defendants to
make out a case.

Mr. Lindsell said he and his
fellow magistrate were not dis-
posed to credit what the first
defendant had said in the witness
box that day. If they believed
that, the case would be finished.

Mr. Armstrong: It seems to be
equally unconvincing as in the
first instance.

The case was adjourned until
April 8.

C. E. R. MANAGER.

REPORT OF CHANGE

CONTRADICTED.

London, March 30.

The Times correspondent at
Riga withdraws the announce-
ment, cabled yesterday, to the
effect that M. Ivanoff was relin-
quishing the managership of the
Chinese Eastern Railway.—Reuter.

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and its contents were also identi-
cal with the other.

The tallow-like mass was in the
centre, surrounded by small stones
and powder.

Making Bombs in Hongkong.

Mr. King: What would be re-
quired to explode one of these
bombs?

Witness: It would only require
to be dropped.

In answer to further questions
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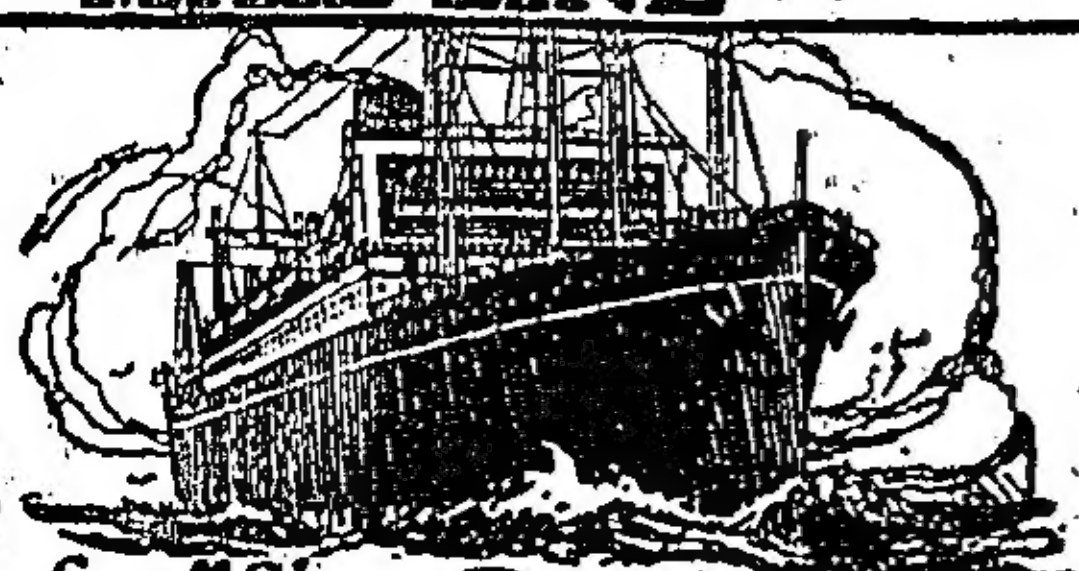
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HAIPHONG	Hopsang	Fri. 21st April at noon.
TSINGTAU via S'hai	Yatshing	Thurs. 1st April at 4 p.m.
BANGKOK	Kwaisang	Fri. 2nd April at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Fooksang	Wed. 7th April at 3 p.m.
BANDAKAN	Mausang	Tues. 13th April at noon.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Tues. 13th April at 3 p.m.
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PROTEST OVER WOMAN'S TAME SONGSTER.

Public protest is being aroused at an announcement that caged nightingales are to be shown for the first time at the Grand National Show of Caged Birds at the Crystal Palace.

Three birds are to be exhibited, one of them being the property of the Hon. Mrs. Bourke. They are said to sing freely.

"Of all birds the last to be caged should be a migrant," said the secretary of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, "and of all migrants the last to be caged should be the nightingale. Migrants show obvious discomfort at the migration season."

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"Each nightingale taken from the countryside deprives nature lovers not of an individual songster only, but of a succession of singers in future years."

"The taking of nightingales is prohibited throughout Great Britain, but these birds may have been made captive in a foreign country."

Mr. A. W. Smith manager of the show, said that Mrs. Bourke's nightingale was a beautiful specimen and in very fine condition.

"Its tameness is wonderful," he said, "I cannot say how it was caught, but Mrs. Bourke has specially shortened her holiday in France in order to show the bird."

"The birds sing as well in captivity as in their natural haunts. Very few people have seen a nightingale."

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To mark his return to re-organise the engineering works which he founded at Melksham, Wilts, over 40 years ago, and had recently retired from, Mr. Littlejohn Philip is distributing 100,000 shares among the workers, and sharing with them his salary and bonus.

He announced this at a meeting at Trowbridge Town Hall, to which all the workers were brought from Melksham in a special train.

Mr. Littlejohn Philip founded the business 40 years ago, and built it up from very small beginnings. When he decided to retire he held a farewell meeting, at which he gave every employee £1 for every year of service.

RESUMING HIS TASK. Recently he was urged to return and reorganise the concern, and Trowbridge Town Hall meeting was the result.

The outstanding factor which decided him to accept the invitation to return, he told the gathering, was to benefit the men, their

TO END COMPETITION.

BIG OIL COMPANIES COMBINING.

London, Mar. 8.—It is learned on the best authority, says the *United Press*, that the great oil interests of the world have reached an informal "Locarno" agreement to co-operate in all oil-producing countries and end the relentless, costly, underground warfare which began with the armistice. It is stated the agreement opens the way to undisturbed exploitation of oil resources and resultant development of oil-using activities.

The agreement principally concerns the United States and Great Britain, who control most of the world's oil bearing soil. It explains the recent announcement that the Standard Oil Company was relinquishing its interests in Mesopotamia. It also furnishes the reason for the Royal Dutch Shell group turning their Venezuelan concessions over to the Standard Oil Company.

Further similar adjustments are imminent. In some areas the British will step out in favour of the Americans and in other areas *vice versa*. Elsewhere, as in Mexico, both British and Americans are working separately and peacefully in the same region.

It is expected that leading British and American companies will form an alliance to bloc Russia's attempt to exploit her oil. Their first efforts toward this end will be through diplomatic channels. If that fails they will resort to a price-war.

families, and the town of Melksham, and also the people who had put money into the business. This in spite of the fact that he was enjoying his retirement, and taking an interest in a large number of other enterprises.

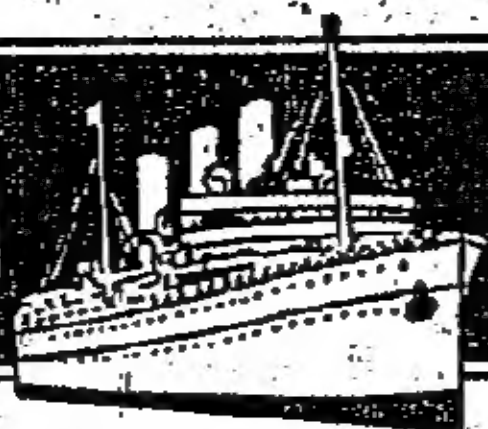
SPECIAL LIMERICK.

He asked for a vote of confidence, which was unanimously given, after which a Limerick, which Mr. Littlejohn Philip had composed for the occasion, was sung to a popular air.

Colonel J. F. Lister, director of the company, said he knew Wiltshire was a sporting county, and what Mr. Littlejohn Philip had put before them he regarded as a sporting proposal.

Resuming, Mr. Philip said he had purchased 100,000 shares, which he was distributing among the staff and employees of the company, and as they had agreed to co-operate with him in building up the business again, he had decided that when the dividend was paid on the preference shares he would divide all his personal receipts from salary and bonus on profit, less Imperial taxation, equally with the men, 50-50, the secretary of the company being accepted by both sides as sole judge as to the amount to be distributed.

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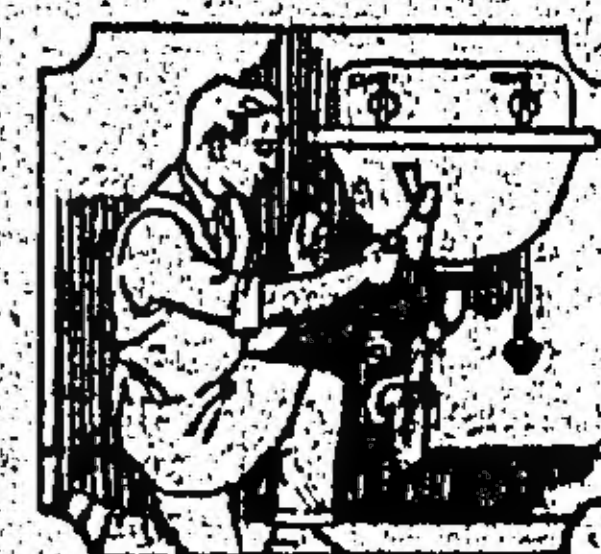
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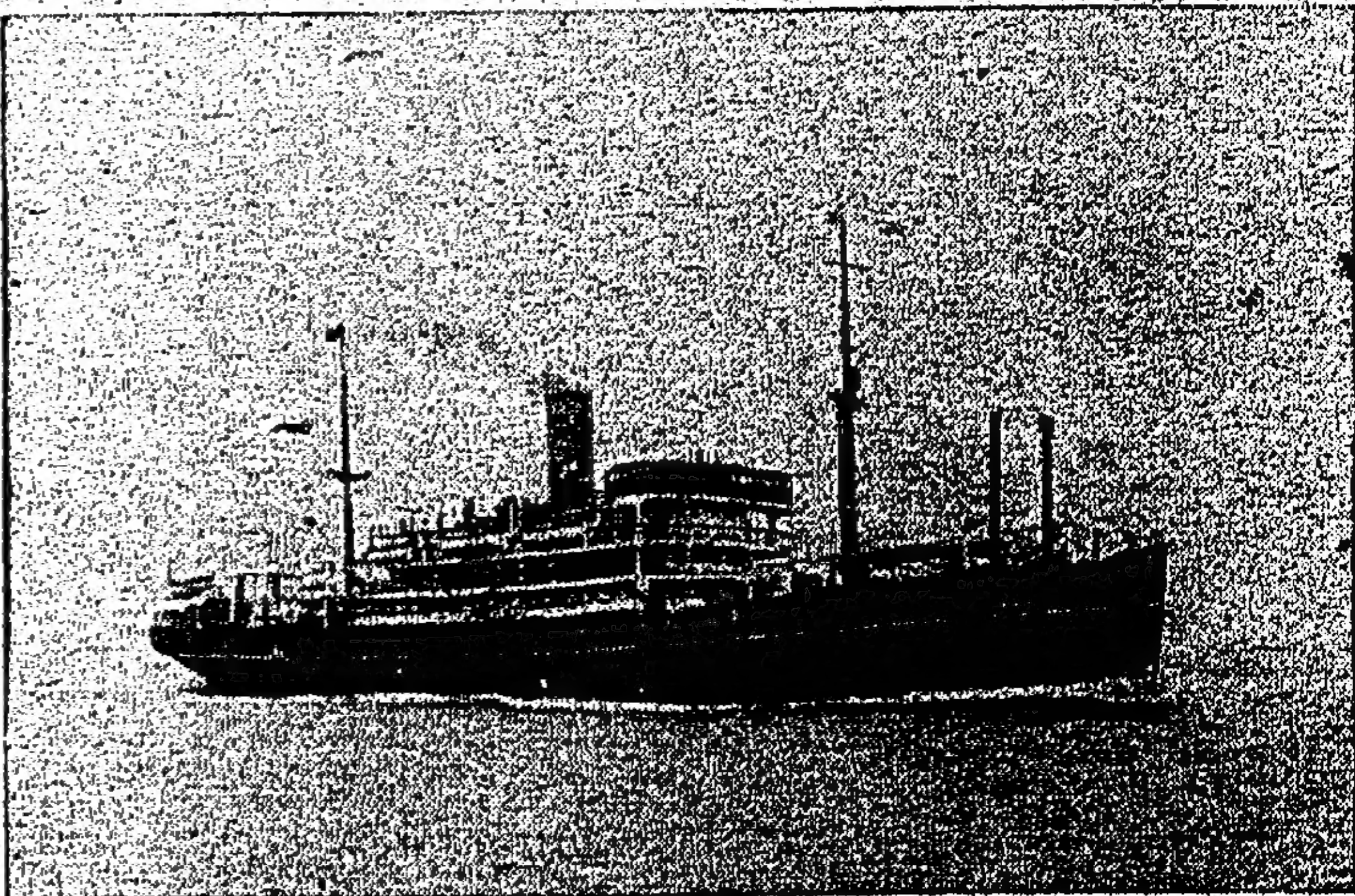
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DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	20th April	M'les, Valencia, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
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**ITALY'S DEBT.**

U. S. SENATOR OPPOSES SETTLEMENT.

Delay Asked For.

Washington, March 30.

"Italy owes her very life to us, and to Britain and France, but our obligation to Italy was washed out by the blood of American soldiers," asserted Mr. Reed in the Senate, when pleading for delay in the final settlement of the Italian debt, at least until the disarmament conference revealed Italy's attitude towards world peace.

Mr. Reed finally submitted a resolution requiring the Foreign Relations Committee to investigate Italy's ability to pay, also the extent and terms of private American loans to Italy, and the Italian expenditure on propaganda—Reuter's American Service.

U. S. CLAIMS.

EXPECTATION FROM GERMAN REPARATIONS.

Treasury to Pay Up.

Washington, March 30.

The Treasury's plan to meet immediately claims by American citizens against Germany, amounting to 150 million dollars, and to trust to refunding by collection of German reparations, is embodied in a bill submitted to Congress providing for complete settlement of all war claims between Germany and the United States, including the return of property of German nationals held by the alien property custodian—Reuter's American Service.

MASKED LONDONERS.

SEARCH FOR A SMILING FACE.

London is a city of masked faces.

Suppose that on a radiant spring morning, says a *Daily Chronicle* writer, you set out to determine which section of this community could provide the greatest number of happy faces. Very likely you might do as I did and begin your quest with the intention of taking the first bus whose conductor looked as radiant as the day.

Afterwards, who knows what your experiences might be? Mine were these.

Several buses passed, whose conductors looked gloomy, preoccupied, peevish, or as expressionless as "Miss Poker Face." They were ignored.

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CONSUL SUE.

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that time. They had dropped 50%
since then. The next time he saw
it was outside the Hongkong Hotel,
when it was working on two or
three cylinders. It ought not to
have been in use.

NOT WORTH GARAGE SPACE.

When Mr. Hewitt brought him
the car in January this year, it
was not fit to use. "Personally,"
he added, "in the condition it was
in, I would not have given it
garage space." He thought the
depreciation could be attributed to
inexperienced repairers, with the
first fault that of an inexperienced
driver.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr.
Rowe said that it would cost
about \$300 to put the car into
running order and it would then
be worth between four and five
hundred dollars.

Mr. Armstrong:—The car is
valueless?

His Lordship:—Not valueless.
If you spend \$300 on it you will
get \$400 back.—(Laughter).

The supervisor of the Dragon
Motor Car Company said the car
was brought in, in June, 1925, run-
ning without oil. Another half an
hour and the engine would have
seized. Considerable damage had
been done. The car was in the
Garage eight times between April,
1925, and January, 1926.

Mr. C. Lauritsen said he knew
the car well. It came from Japan
during the big slump there. In
the trade they had worked it out
that a car depreciated 40 per cent.
in the first year, 20 per cent. in
the second and 15 per cent. in the
third.

His Lordship:—It soon becomes
valueless.

Witness:—We find a man rarely
keeps a car over three years. The
cycle starts again with another
new car.—(Laughter).

He stated that the chauffeur
responsible for the negligence in
June, 1925, was Mr. Hewitt's old
chauffeur.

When he saw the car this year
it looked all right.

Mr. Leask:—What did you think
was its market price?—I wouldn't
ask a friend of mine to buy it.

He thought the car could be sold
for about \$400. Mr. Hewitt had
had new parts fitted.

Mr. Armstrong (questioning
about damaged mudguards):—
Would you drive about in a car like
that?—Well, I have.

Would you do it for preference?
—Rather not.

Mr. Quist, in the box, said that
he had never found the car satis-
factory and he caused some amuse-
ment by remarking that he never
used the car when he had to
attend a function in uniform, as
he could never be sure of keeping
his appointment.

Mr. Leask:—The car has been
more or less a laughing-stock.—
It has provided amusement to per-
sons in the lounge of the Hong-
kong Hotel.

MIDNIGHT WALK TO POKFULAM.

Mr. Armstrong: Why did you
dismiss Mr. Hewitt's chauffeur?
I told him to wait outside the
Hongkong Hotel. When I returned
he was not to be found, and I
was invited by friends to dine with
them on the Peak. I came down
about 12.30 p.m., and there was
no car or chauffeur to be seen.
Cars or taxis were difficult to ob-
tain at that hour, and I had to
walk all the way to Pokfulam. It
took me about two hours, and
when I got home I sacked him on
the spot.

In the time you had the use of
the car you travelled about 8,000
miles?—Very likely.

Driven by indifferent chau-
ffeurs?—Prove it, Sir.

You carried a lot of passengers?
—I don't know what you mean.

I mean you ran a sort of bus
service from Pokfulam?—I brought
two or three friends into town
sometimes.

I suggest you overloaded the car?
—I never carried more than the
correct number.

Mr. Armstrong, addressing his
Lordship, said that it was implied
in any contract that a person
should return subject to fair wear
and tear, any article in the same
condition as they found it.

His Lordship:—One thing
seems to be clear. No negligence
has been proved. The only ques-
tion appears to be defendant's
liability under the contract. I
think I am prepared to find that
the car was handed back in a
reasonable condition in accord-
ance with the contract.

U.S. & EUROPE'S DEBTS.

"PLAYING AT SANTA CLAUS."

Washington, March 30.

It was time that America "Abdi-
cated the part of Santa Claus to-
wards Europe" asserted Senator
Howell, of Nebraska, in the Senate
when opposing the ratification of
the Italian debt settlement. He
complained that every agreement
hitherto recommended by the Debt
Commission provided for the can-
cellation of the principal.—
Reuter's American Service.

"VERY LAST PENNY."

Washington, March 30.

In the Senate Senator Smoot de-
clared that the Italian settlement
represented the very last penny
Italy could pay. He said:—"If
we do not agree to the settlement,
it will be a long time before we
get anything."

Interviewed, Mr. Hoover said the
failure of the Senate to ratify the
settlement would not be objection-
able to Italy. He thought Italians
would probably be glad if the set-
tlement were not passed, as they
would then be relieved of all moral
obligations for repayment.—
Reuter.

BUDDHIST PILGRIMS.

THOUSANDS MAKE JOURNEYS
IN CHEKIANG.

Taichow, Chekiang, March 19.—
The pilgrim season is again in
full swing. Thousands of men,
women and children have swarmed
over Pootoon. It is said that the
numbers have been larger this
year than for several years pass-
ed. Taichow, Wengtsien, Tientsin
and other cities have also had
their full quota of visiting wor-
shippers. Here in Taichow city
we have eight temples that the
pilgrims must visit, and make their
offerings, however small. Some
of the old lady Buddhists are quite
picturesque. You may meet them
20 miles away hobbling along the
roads to the city, each one with a
long cloak, and a kind of "bonne"
over her head, and using a walk-
ing stick, generally crooked. They
carry a little basket, or a double
bag made of blue cloth, in which
their offerings are placed. Some
of the temples here are situated
on fairly high hills, but no matter,
up these old ladies creep, and as
you stand on the city wall and
watch them you see some of them
bent with age but toiling upward.

A Temple of Babel.
If you follow them and enter a
temple, what a Babel greets your
ears. Crowds of worshippers all
talking together, whilst the priests
for a consideration offer up pray-
ers on their or relative's behalf.
Perhaps half a dozen at a time
alone are silent, and these are
busy lighting and fixing number-
less candles on little iron spikes
set up in front of some of the
wooden gods. Candles, which by
the-bye are only allowed to burn
for a very few minutes before they
are collected by one of the priests
or his assistants, and carefully put
by for use on another occasion.
Or two or three together are kneel-
ing on the praying bench bowing
down in prayer at least seven
times. I went into one of these
Temples to watch proceedings.

The first time I did so I remem-
ber three or four Chinese thought
I had come in to laugh at what
they were doing. Nothing was
farther from my intention.
The last visit I paid the priest
came forward in a most friendly
way and brought a chair begging
me to be seated. He also opened
a box and explained some of the
parts of a carved representation of
the "Abode of Bliss" which was
kept shup up inside the box. One
feature of these gatherings, which
strikes one more forcibly than per-
haps any other, is the—to our
Western sense—at all events, a
utter lack of reverence and order.
Crowds jostling each other, wor-
shippers staring about, even the
priest looking round and giving
friendly nods of recognition, or
frowning rebukingly at some small
boy detected trying to steal one of
the many candles, all while busy
ringing a little bell or tinkling a
cymbal and uttering prayers at the
same time.—*N. C. D. News.*

He gave judgment for the
plaintiff for \$21.40, with costs up
to the time of payment into Court.
On the counter-claim, he gave
judgment for \$25, refund for non-
use of the car in the latter half
of January.

A GREAT VICEROY.

INDIA'S VERDICT ON LORD
READING.

Delhi, March 30.

After a most remarkable series
of "farewell" functions, Lord and
Lady Reading have departed with
full ceremonial of State. The
press, in valedictory, opine he
has been the most successful and
greatest Viceroy since Lord Cur-
zon, while her splendid work for
women and children is highly
tributed.—*Reuter.*

SUSPENDED M. P.'S.

NEW PARLIAMENTARY
RULES.

London, March 30.

On a motion by Mr. Baldwin,
the House of Commons agreed to
an amendment to the Standing
Order providing that where a mem-
ber has been suspended for defying
the chair, the suspension shall con-
tinue for five days on the first
occasion, twenty days on the
second, and on subsequent occa-
sions till the House resolves to
terminate the suspension.—*Reuter.*

ELECTRICITY BILL.

PASSES ITS SECOND
READING.

London, March 30.

A Labour amendment for the
rejection of the Electricity Bill
and urging nationalisation in-
stead, was defeated in the House
of Commons by 325 votes to 127,
after which the Bill was read a
second time.

Mr. Lloyd George, while voting
for the Bill, criticised its short-
comings and referred to the humi-
liating show made by Britain as
compared with other nations. In
tables which he quoted he pointed
out that the consumption per head
in Britain was below that of
Shanghai's.—*Reuter.*

"Kelvin" is to be the name of
the new telephone exchange to be
opened in Trafalgar-place, at the
rear of Stanford-road, Kensington.

There has been broken up at
Plymouth a vessel, the Two Bro-
thers, which was in active service
for 130 years.

Mr. G. St. Croix Rose, one of
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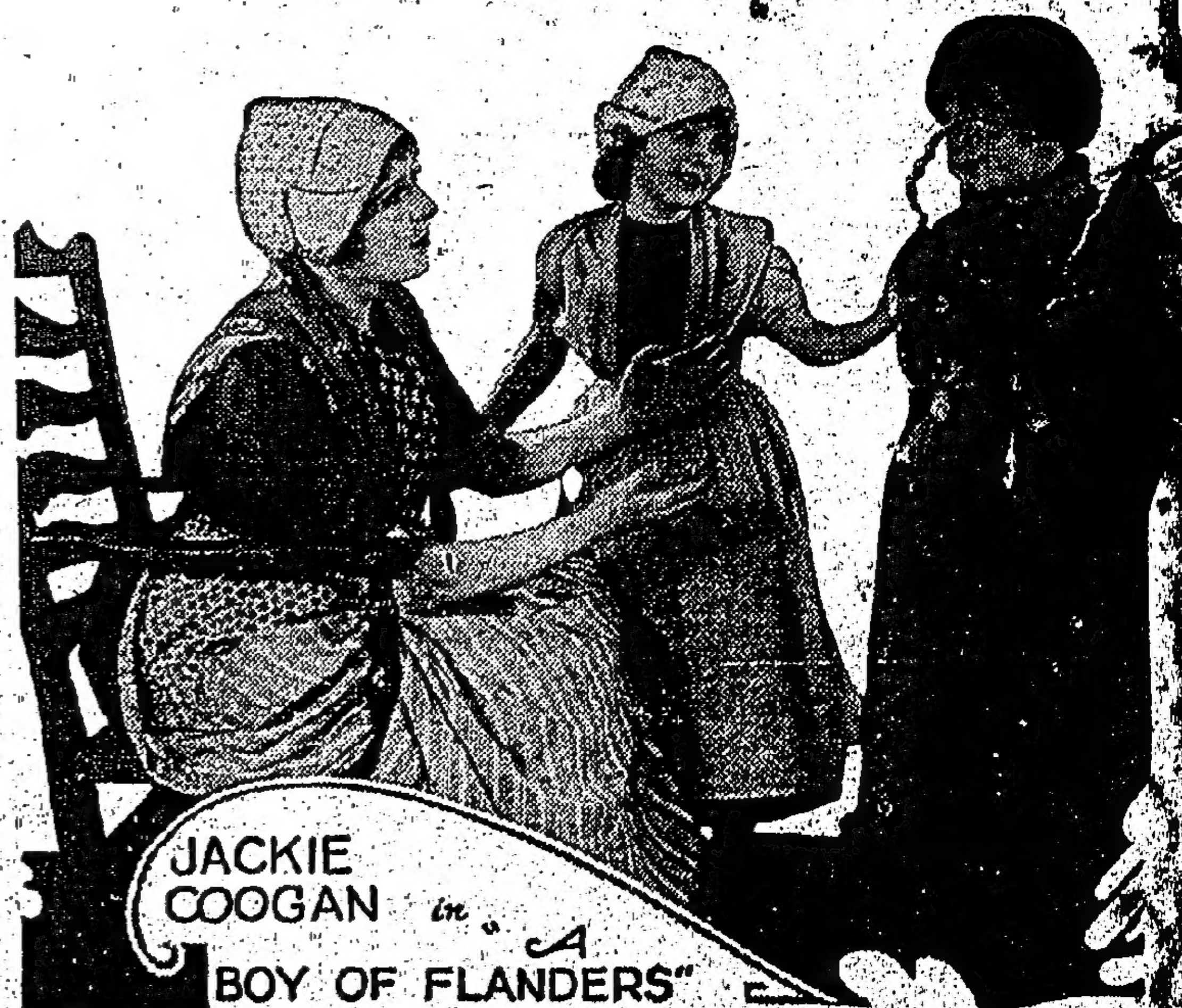
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